

Plants

Seed dispersal

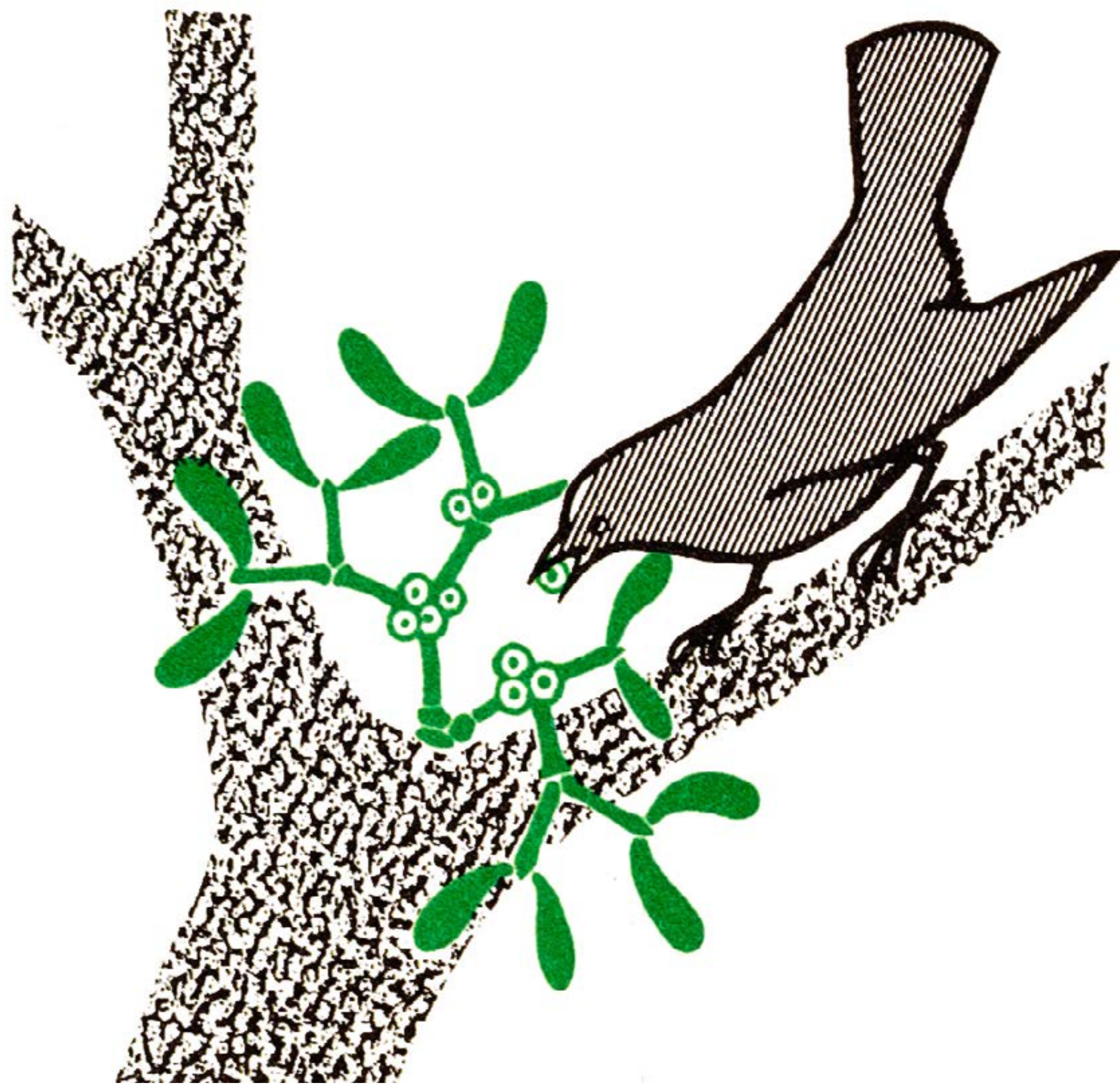
Touch the pink buttons and see what happens.

◀ ▶ Use the arrows to move backwards and forwards.

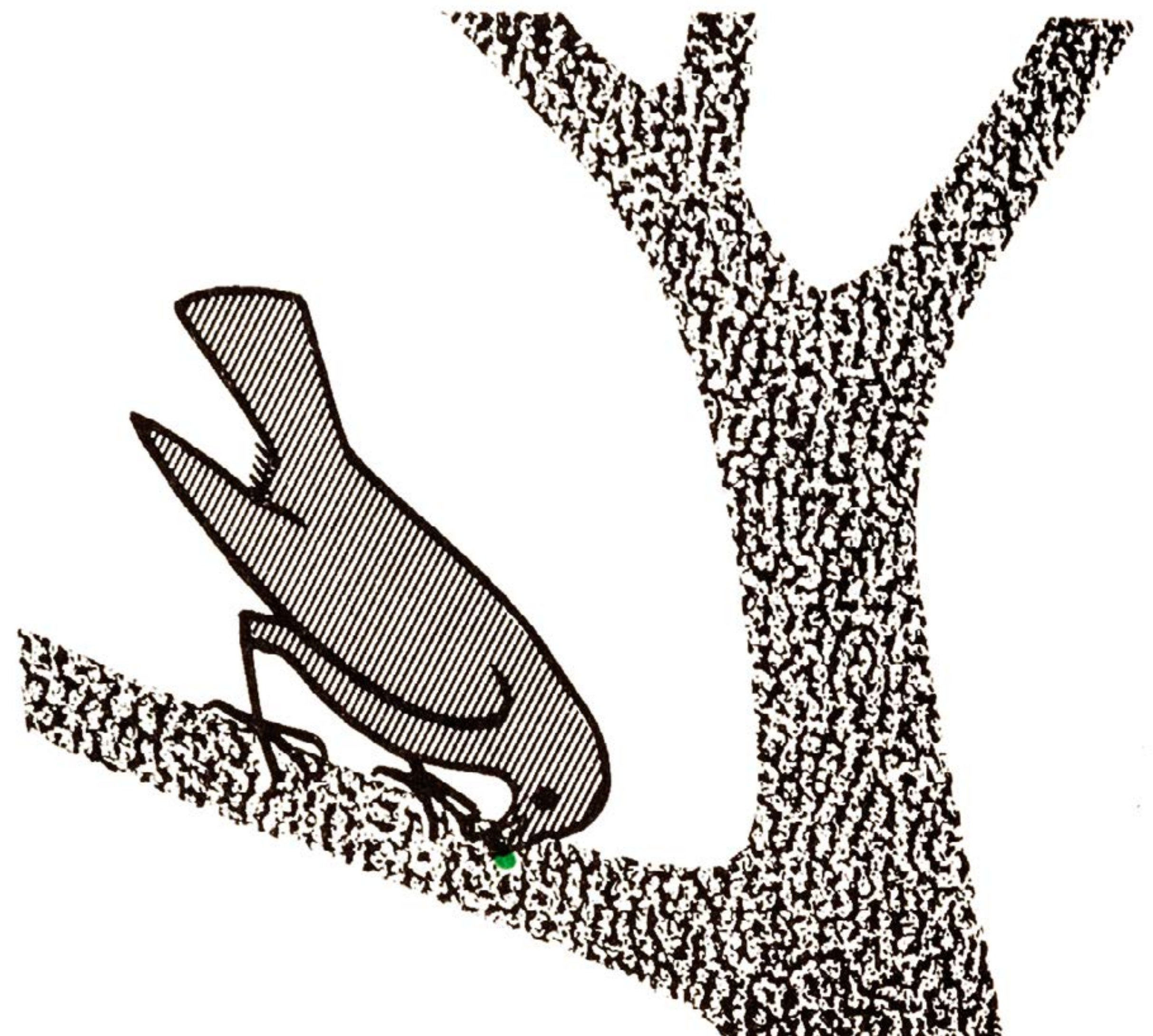
✕ Touch the cross to close a window.

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If a mistletoe berry falls to earth, it will die.

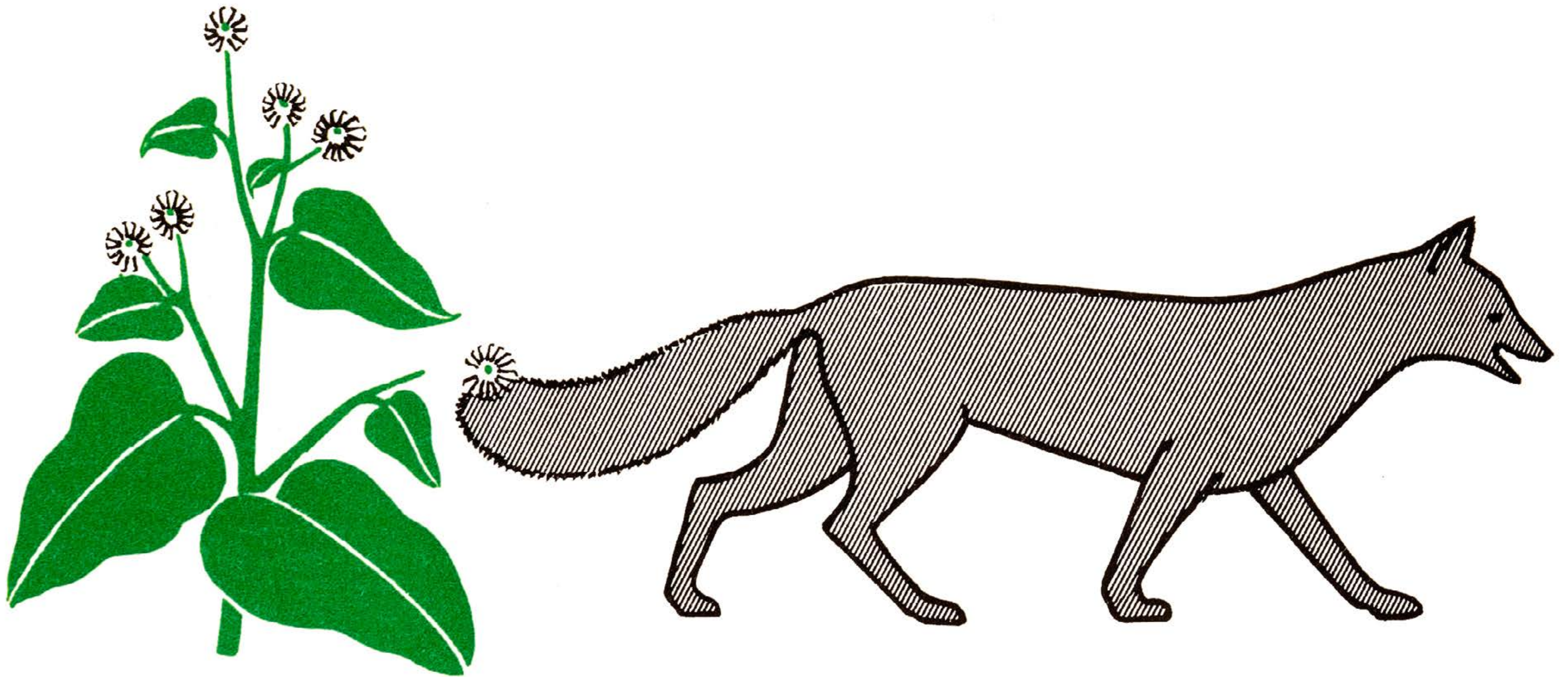


If a bird eats it and drops the seed on an apple tree, a new plant will grow.



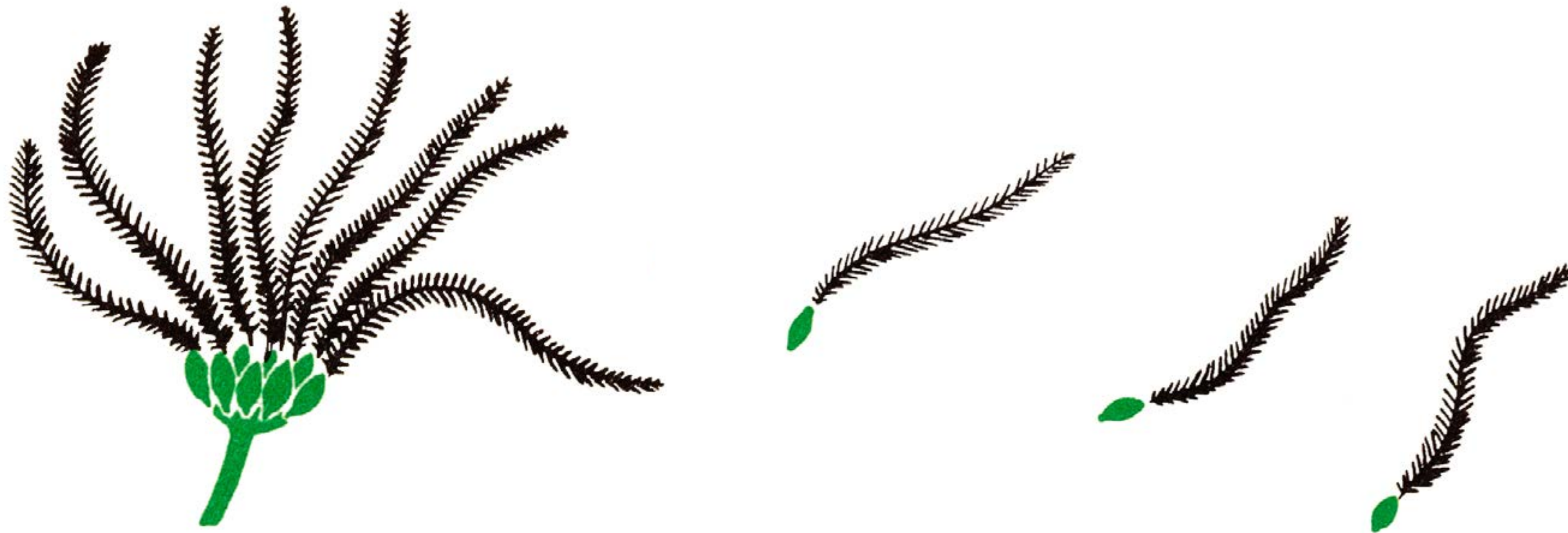
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Some plants hide seeds in burrs that cling to passing animals.

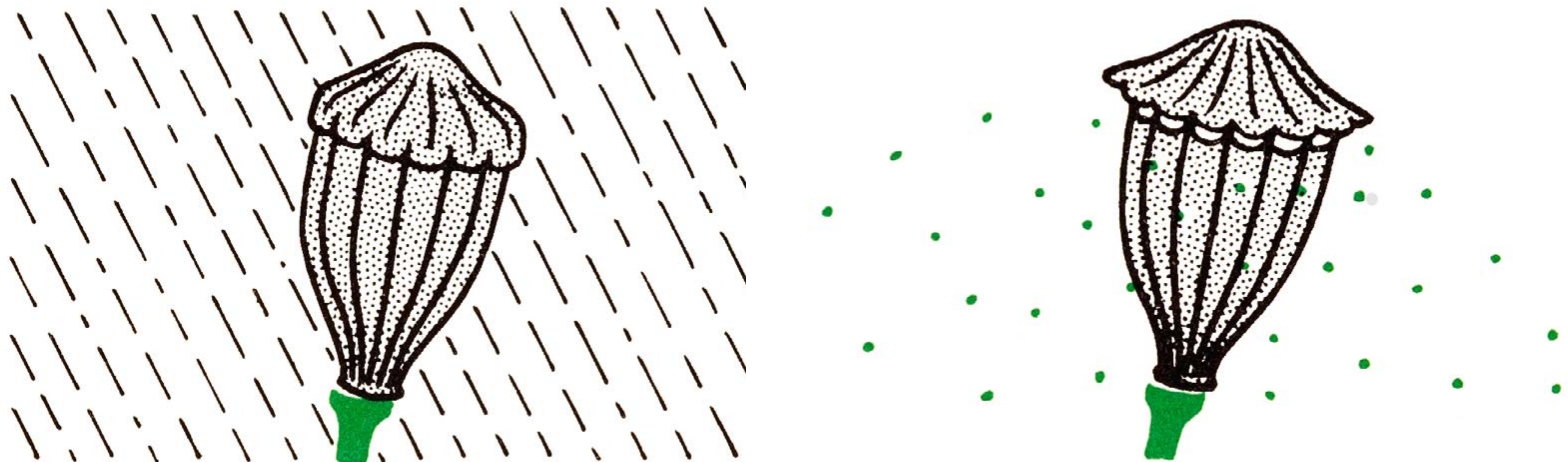


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The feather-like seed of traveller's joy is carried by the wind.

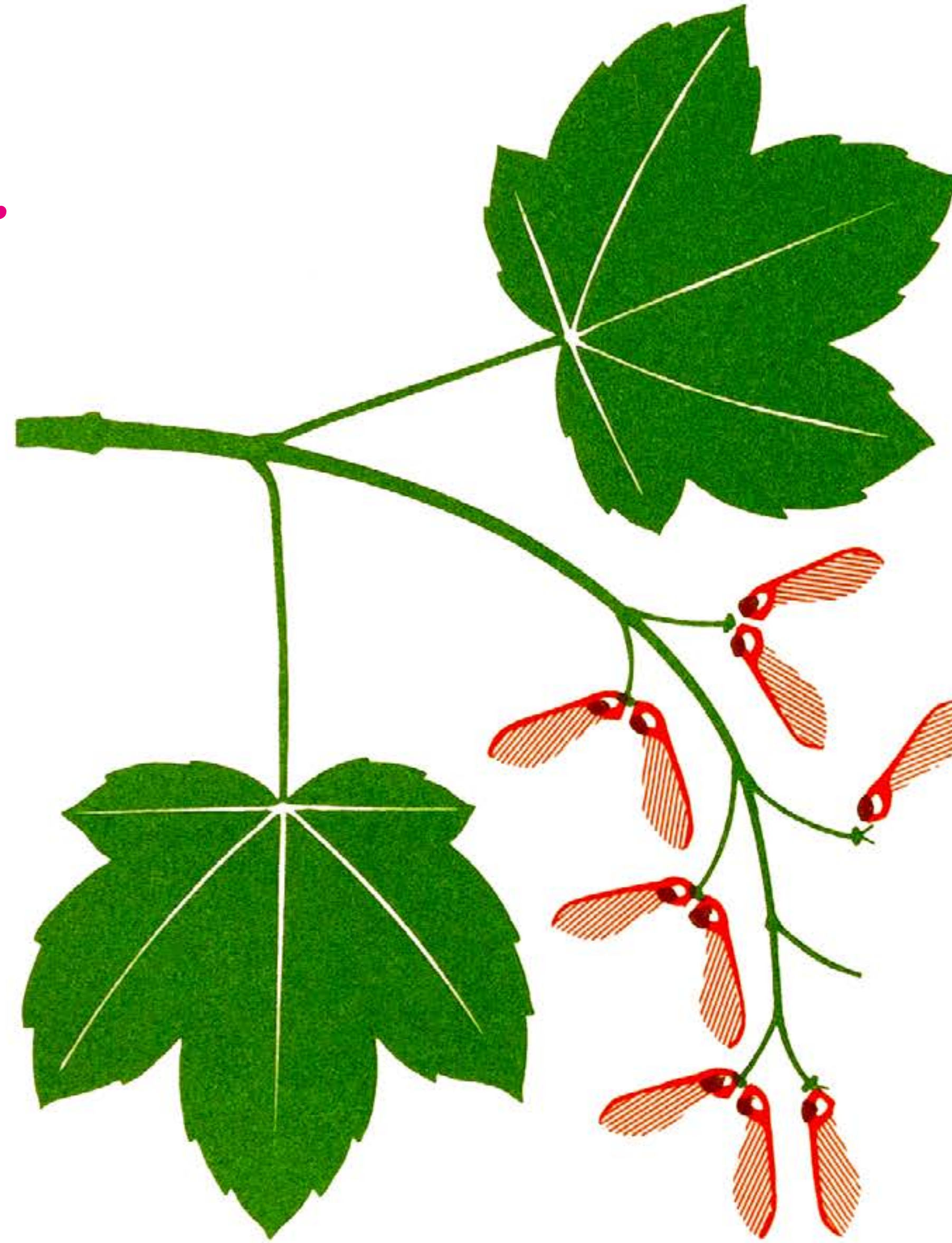


In dry weather the poppy pod opens and the seeds fall out.



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In late summer you will see numbers of brown wings hanging from the boughs of the sycamore tree. At the end of each wing is a seed.



When a gust of wind comes, the wings carry the seeds away to the open ground.



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Dandelion seeds are attached to small feathery parachutes. The lightest breeze will whisk these parachutes some way before they fall.

That is why dandelions seem to grow everywhere.