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I am a seed.
What will I be?
Plant me in soil and you will see.
The sun warms the soil.
The rain helps out, too.
Roots start below
then a stem pushes through.
Now I have leaves!
Just look at my flowers!
My petals fall off leaving seedpods with powers—
more seeds that can grow to be plants just like me!
Seeds match their parents. Which seeds do you see?
Dandelion (flower)
Wild Cherry (tree)
Watermelon (plant)
Pine (tree)
Maple (tree)
Apricot (tree)
Lima Bean (plant)
Paulownia (tree)
(Mountain Mahogany (bush)
Oak (tree)
Sweet Gum (tree)
Cocklebur (plant)
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