



## Improve: Grow your own canal experiment

Canals provide important habitats for nature in urban and rural locations and much needed corridors for wildlife on the move.

It's not just fish and other creatures that move along these corridors, plants also travel from one place to another and spread along the canals.

Try this experiment to see which plants spread most easily.



Did you know...

The Woodland Walks: A guide to trees and wildflowers by Charlotte Voake, published by Eden Project Books is great for identifying plants and trees

1



Find a flat box or an old seed tray and line with a thin layer of compost

Then go for a long walk along the towpath

2



When you get back home, scrape the soil off your boots or shoes into the box or seed tray

3



Keep the soil damp and watch what starts to grow

Which plants have you spread? See if you can identify them using reference books or the internet