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[The Importance of Tropisms](#) - This Web site offers standards-based lesson plans that will further inspire your students to explore tropisms in the garden.

[Science for Kids](#) - What happens when you prevent heliotropic plants from moving? This simple experiment yielded surprising results!

[Who Says Plants Don't Move?](#) - More than 120 years ago, Charles Darwin and his daughter Francis wrote a book titled "The Power of Movement in Plants." Find out more about their discoveries at this site.

[Materials for Building a Trellis](#) - This site tells you how to use a variety of natural materials to build your own trellis.

[The Life Lab Garden Classroom](#) - The Garden Classroom is a two-acre children's garden located in Santa Cruz, California. Visit the site online and see some of the amazing structures built by children.

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[Climbing Vines Seed Collection](#)

These colorful, fast-growing annual vines exhibit a variety of climbing mechanisms to observe. Plus, some attract hummingbirds, and others are delightfully fragrant. Includes seeds for Heavenly Blue morning glory, Crimson Rambler morning glory (pink), Flying Saucers morning glory (purple and white), Cardinal Climber (see image at left), Old Spice sweet pea (mixed colors; fragrant), and tall nasturtium (mixed colors; climbs to 5'). Six seed packets.



[Sunflower Seed Collection](#)

This vividly colored collection contains 5 varieties: skyscraping Mammoth (up to 12 feet tall with huge 12-inch flowers), Autumn Beauty (multicolored red blooms), petite Sunspot (18 inches tall with 10-inch blooms), Teddy Bear (24 inches high, with 8-inch double golden blooms), and Vanilla Ice (pale cream-colored blossoms with dark centers).



[Expandable Willow Edging](#)

With this this tough, flexible, lightweight willow-twig edging, kids can construct artful trellises for their climbing plants. Each section can stretch from about 3 feet to more than 16 feet long (the fence becomes shorter as it's stretched longer, opening opportunities to exercise math and estimating skills). It's flexible enough to form a circle up to 4 feet in diameter.



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