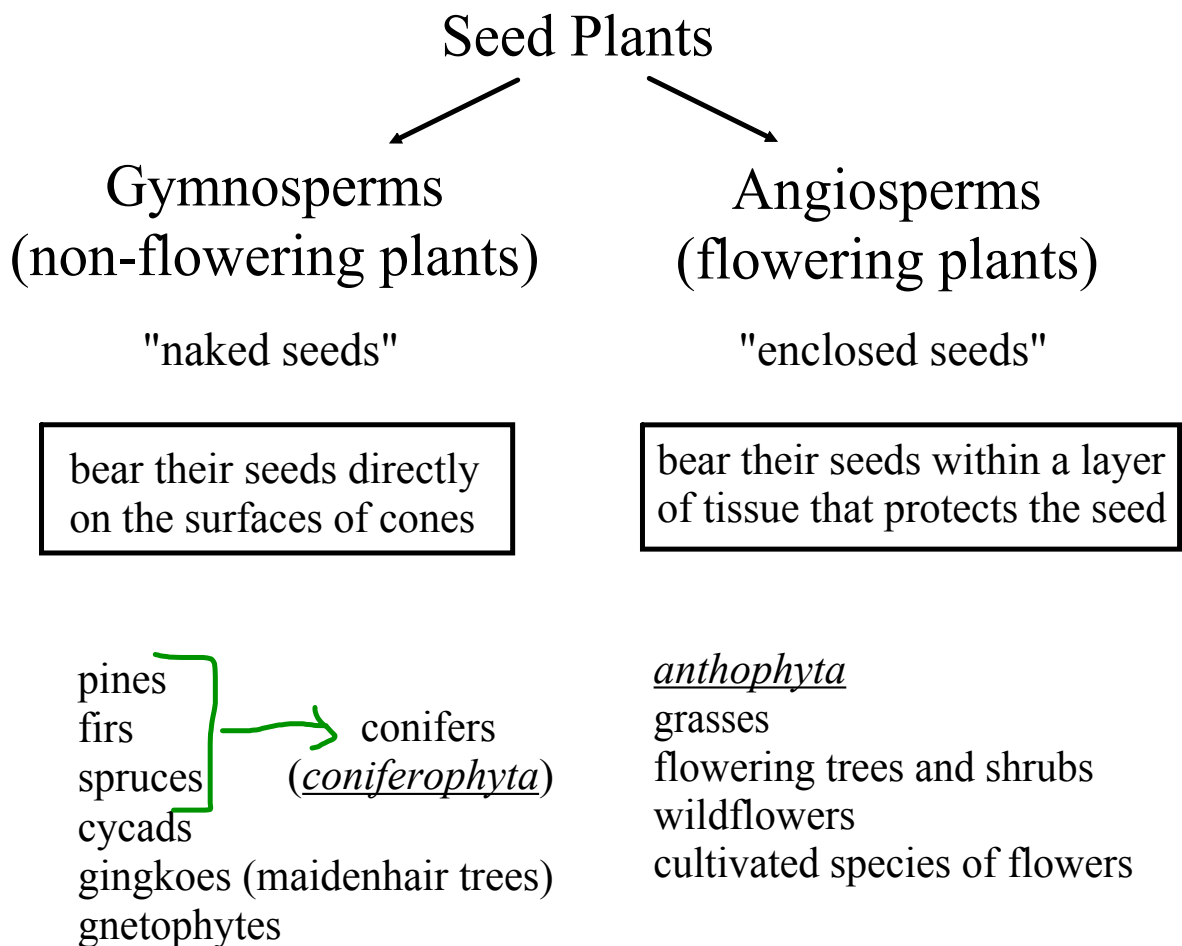


Seed Plants

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Seed plants are divided into two groups.



Seed plants have life cycles that alternate between a gametophyte stage and sporophyte stage like mosses and ferns.

Unlike mosses and ferns, seed plants do not require water for the fertilization of gametes.

Adaptations that allow seed plants to reproduce without water include:

- flowers or cones (sporophyte structures that bear seeds)
- the transfer of sperm by pollination
- the protection of embryos in seeds

Gymnosperms



pine



spruce



Living cycads, Hilo, Hawaii. Photo courtesy of Pamela Gore.

cycad



ginkgo



Wendy Smith

GENERIC NAME: GINKGO (*Ginkgo biloba*) - ORAL

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USES: Ginkgo leaves have been used for improving blood flow, memory loss due to certain brain problems (e.g., [Alzheimer's disease](#), [stroke](#)), as well as for relieving dizziness, and for ringing in the ears. Some herbal/diet supplement products have been found to contain possibly harmful impurities/additives. Check with your pharmacist for more details regarding the particular brand you use. The FDA has not reviewed this product for safety or effectiveness. Consult your doctor or pharmacist for more details.

ginkgo



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Welwitschia mirabilis

gnetophyte

Life Cycle of Gymnosperms (Page 610)

Reproduction in gymnosperms takes place in cones which are produced by a mature diploid sporophyte plant (ie/ pine tree).

pollen cone (male cone)

- produces male gametophytes which are called pollen grains
- one of the haploid nuclei in the pollen grain will divide to produce two sperm nuclei

seed cone (female cone)

- produces female gametophytes and are generally larger than the pollen cones.
- near the base of each scale are two ovules in which the female gametophytes develop



Figure 24-3 Pollen grains are male gametophytes. Pollen is carried by the wind until it reaches a female cone. **Inferring** Male and female cones are distributed on a plant such that pollen usually lands on a different plant from where it started. Why might this strategy have evolved?



Pollen Grains
(magnification: 750x)

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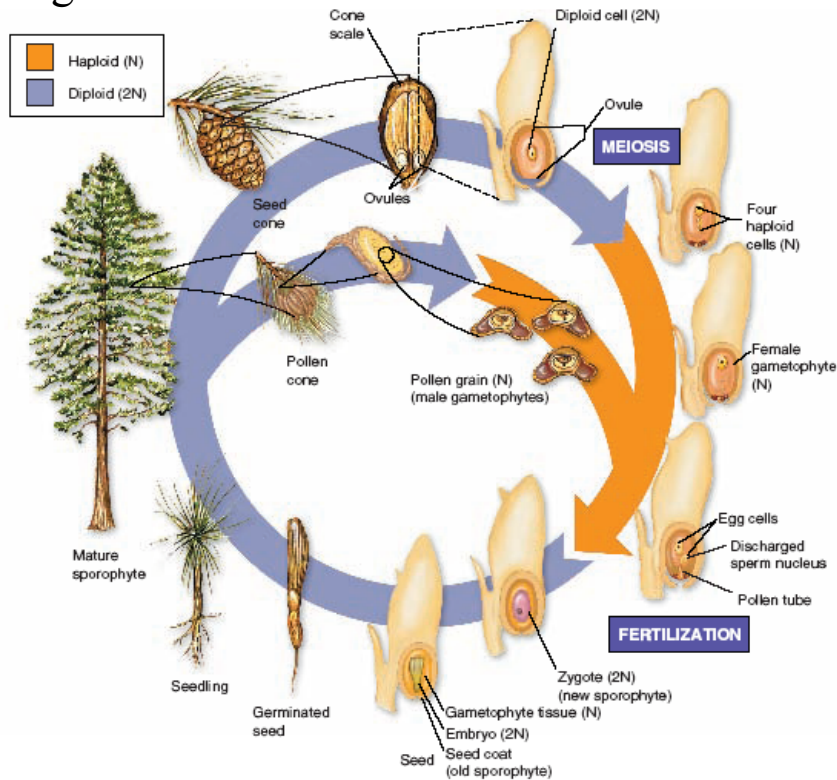
The gymnosperm life cycle typically takes two years to complete. It begins in the spring when the male cones release enormous numbers of pollen grains.

The transfer of pollen from the male reproductive structure to the female reproductive structure is called pollination.

Reproduction - Pine Tree

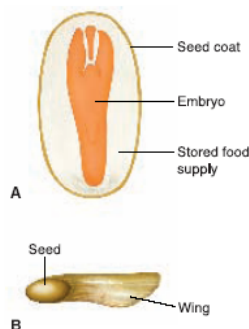


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If a pollen grain lands near an ovule, it splits open and begins to grow a structure called a pollen tube which contains two haploid sperm cells. Once the pollen tube reaches the female gametophyte, one sperm nucleus disintegrates and the other fertilizes the egg contained within the female gametophyte.

A seed is an embryo of a plant that is encased in a protective covering, the seed coat, and surrounded by a food supply.



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▲ **Figure 22-19** (A) This longitudinal section shows the internal structure of the seed of a pine tree. (B) The pine tree seed, found on the scale of a cone, is winged.

The embryo can stop growing when it is small and contained within the seed. It can remain in this condition for weeks, months, or years. When it starts to grow again, it uses nutrients from the stored food supply. Seeds can survive long periods of bitter cold, extreme heat or drought.

Angiosperms (Page 569) ✓

The vast majority of living plant species have a method of reproduction and development involving flowers and fruits.

Angiosperms develop unique reproductive organs known as flowers. They are an evolutionary advantage to plants because they attract animals such as bees, moths or hummingbirds, which then transport pollen from flower to flower. This is much more efficient than the wind pollination of most gymnosperms.

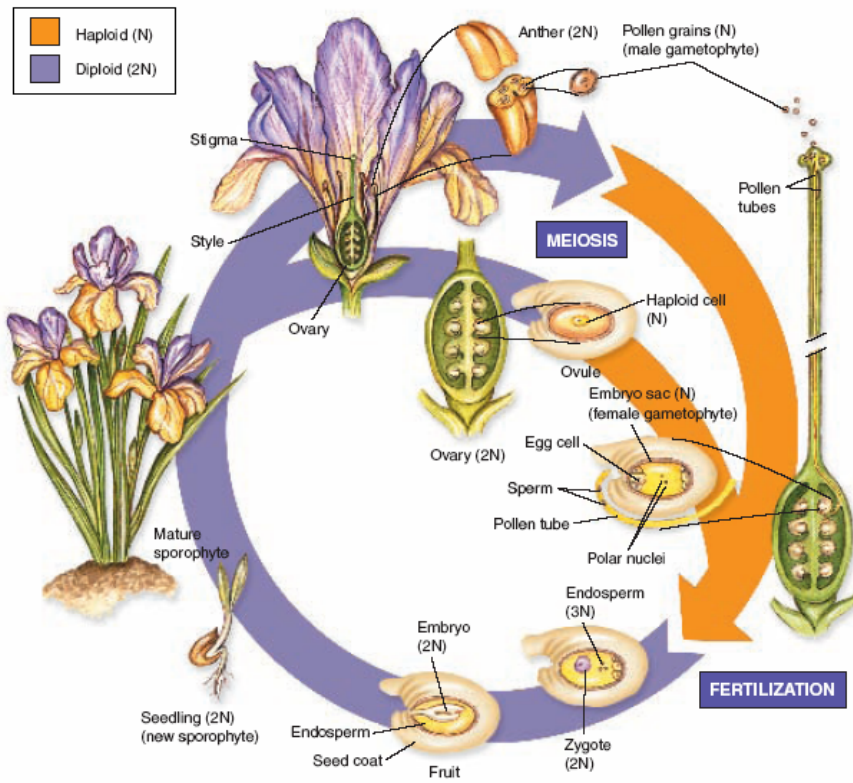
Flowers contain ovaries which surround and protect the seeds. After pollination, the ovary develops into a fruit - a wall of tissue that surrounds the seed and protects it and aids in its dispersal.

Life Cycle of Angiosperms

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Reproduction in angiosperms takes place within the flower. Following pollination and fertilization, the seeds develop inside protective structures.

Figure 24-7
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Apple Blossom to Apple

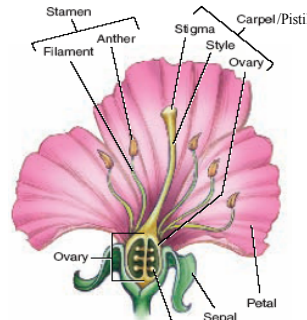


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Structure of Flowers

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Flowers are reproductive organs that are composed of four kinds of specialized leaves: sepals, petals, stamens and carpels.

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sepals - outermost circle of flower parts that enclose the bud before it opens and protect the flower while it is developing
 - green and resemble ordinary leaves

petals - attract insects and other pollinators to the flower
 - found just inside the sepals
 - often brightly colored

sterile leaves - do not produce reproductive cells

Structures that produce male and female gametophytes are found within the ring of petals.

Male Parts

stamen -> filament and anther

filament - long thin stalk that supports an anther

anther - oval sac where meiosis takes place producing haploid male gametophytes (pollen grains)
 - yellow-orange dust from anthers is pollen which consists of thousands of individual pollen grains

* Most angiosperms have several stamens.

Female Parts

carpel/pistil -> ovary, style and stigma

carpel/pistil - the innermost flower part

ovary - broad base of the carpel
 - contains one or more ovules where female gametophytes are produced

style - stalk

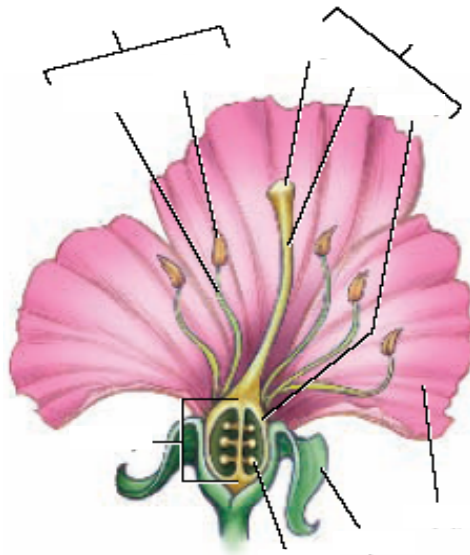
stigma - sticky part at the top of the style
 - where pollen grains often land

Typical flowers produce both male and female gametophytes. In some plants, male and female gametes are produced in separate flowers on the same plant.

Biology 112
Structure of Flowers
(Page 612)

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1. Use Figure 24-5 on page 612 to label the parts of the flower shown below.



2. Define/describe the following: sepal, petal, stamen, filament, anther, carpel, ovary, ovule, style, stigma.