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## **LESSON 1** Reproduction in Organisms

In plants, vegetative reproduction occurs by vegetative propagules like runner, rhizome, sucker, tuber, offset and bulb.

Vegetative part	Example
Roots	Dahlia, Asparagus, Dalbergia, guava and tapioca
Stems	
Tubers	Potato and artichoke
Bulbs	Garlic and onion
Rhizome	Ginger, turmeric, banana and Dryopteris
Corms	Colocasia, Crocus and Amorphophallus
Suckers	Mint and Chrysanthemum
Runners	Oxalis and Centella
Stolons	Jasmine
Offsets	Pistia and Eichhornia
Leaves	Bryophyllum, Begonia, Kalanchoe and walking ferr
Bulbils	Agave, lily and Dioscorea
Turions (fleshy buds in aquatic plants)	Potamogeton and Utricularia

## WATER HYACINTH (Terror of Bengal)

- One of the most invasive weeds
- Grows wherever there is standing water
- Drains oxygen from water- leads to death of fishes.
- Introduced in India because of its pretty flowers & shape of leaves

• Vegetative propagation occurs at a phenomenal rate

Asexual reproduction is the most common method of reproduction in organisms having simpler body like in algae and fungi but during unfavorable condition they shift to sexual reproduction.

## **SEXUAL REPRODUCTION:**

- Involves formation of male and female gamete by two individuals of the opposite sex.
- Offspring produced by fusion of male and female gametes not identical to each other or to the parents.
- All sexually reproducing organisms share a similar pattern of reproduction.

• In sexual reproduction, fusion of male and female gametes results in offspring that are not identical to parents.