

Rydeholm, Sweden

Trees for Nuts and Seeds



Small Scale (14ha) agroforestry farm with a focus on Nuts and Seeds for food. Castanea, Juglans, Corylus, Prunus dulcis, Pinus, Araucaria, Ginkgo, Carya

Dedicated to the cultural transformation of farming and food through sylvan idealism. The trees as teachers, companions, providers, and role-models for culture, society, and life.

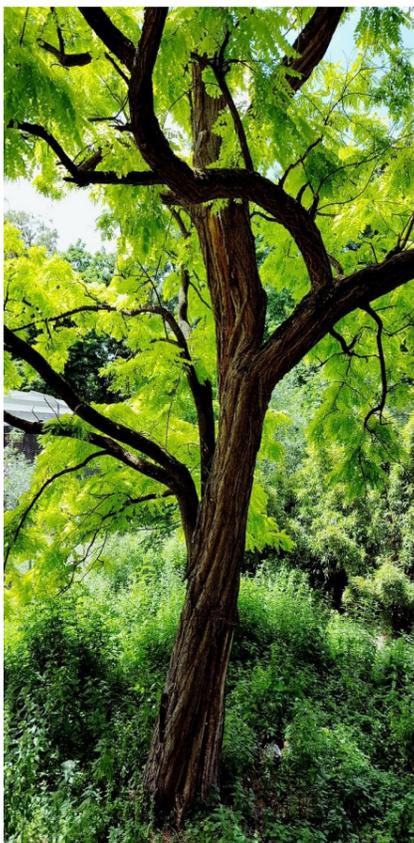
Closed Canopy Food Forest

The old park holds the oldest and most well established agroforestry planting on the farm. The vision for the area is to emulate dense Old Growth Forest with closed canopy where the primary crop production is located in the canopy layer. Subsequent layers are focused on support functions, ecosystem services and shading in order to facilitate access to the forest floor during harvest. The area is already home to much wildlife. Dedicated to the work of Aldo Leopold.

Forest Garden

A modest forest garden in a quarter of the old park is flourishing under a gap in the canopy of adult beech, linden and ash. There are no dominant productive species but maximising productive diversity is the primary objective. Interesting and unusual crops include kiwi, pecan, evergreen oaks and bamboo.

The area is modelled on Martin Crawford's vision of a blinding diversity of ground plants, climbers, fruit, and nut trees in service of human needs.



Southernly Northerner

I move across the open plains,
planting alders,
in each step.

The world is in danger
little sucker,
so grow cautiously.

Trees are spirit,
I leave ahead,
to make my home a better place.

Anders Lindén

Silvopasture Nut Orchard

Emulating a savannah ecosystem, the primary produce are nuts from trees with animal integration as a supportive function.

This area is dedicated to J. Russell Smith and his vision of replacing annual agriculture with tree crops. The nut oils are envisioned to replace rapeseed and the seed producing trees are to replace grain.

Windbreaks, Riparian Buffer & Alley Cropping

All are represented on the farm.

Silvopasture

Emulating a savannah ecosystem, the trees have a supportive function for permanent pasture production. The premium fruit are to be used for human consumption but can also be left as supplemental feed for pastured animals.

Two land areas on the northern part of the farm are inspired by the great Rudolf Steiner for his vision and contribution to the betterment of humankind through agriculture.

The Southern Dam

The area is an outrageous stacking and consolidation of all of the recognised agroforestry systems into one location. Fibonacci spirals and clumps of trees are enclosed by strict windbreaks bordering the bare plains. An oasis in the industrial farm landscape.

The area builds on the work of Bill Mollison and David Holmgren whom have inspired millions of people in our generation to assume a more responsible relationship to the planet and the living world around us.

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