

Chat record

SG: shrub oaks - very exciting

JB: Personally I think proting eating Acorns is one of the most inspirational things. They are already planted everywhere. We need the culture to be inspired to eat them again. I am gald for this presentation.

JB: Low tannin breedng is an extension of this. Exciting!

JB: i have wondred if our most ancient, long lived oaks are good starting points for checking edibleness. I have found many around me in Easy Kent

JB: quite good.

JB: Yes Jouke, a resource we can utilise now.!

JB: Thank you Jouke, inspiring to hear your work on this.

MR: Great to hear a practical presentation on breeding. Jouke, what is the difference between a hybrid swarm and a seed grex?

TB: Inspiring perspective Jouke to breed and develop with next generations as starting point !

PL: Thanks

PL: Hi Jouke, you said that the rootrainers help make the saplings more healthy but would it not restrict the natural taproot?

PL: Thanks Jouke, that is interesting info

GN: Some years see an amazing crop of acorns! Fantastic for fodder for pigs which love 'em, but but I do not know details regarding human consumption? Wow wonderful woodpeckers:-)

JH: Watching this on Friday. LOVE acorns <https://urbanharvestuk.wordpress.com/celebrate/acorns/>

HE: Excellent work, we need more breeders that improve plants for food forests. I believe this type of work should be funded by governments and trusts.

MC: I have long thought we are too addicted to using named genetic selections of fruit and nut trees, limiting the genetic diversity. This is great in opening eyes to the possibilities of breeding for the future.

JB: Hi, I'll be hanging out in the chat here, so ask me questions as they come up! Tomorrow I'll be in the live panel on cold climates as well. :)

JB: This presentation is more technical than inspirational, but I hope many more gardeners will pick up breeding and selecting. Imagine what we can pass down to the next generation if we all pick one favorite forest garden plant to breed!

JB: @ Jo, Yes, wild collecting acorns is an awesome rescourse we can utilise now!

JB: @ Gaye. You'd need to leach out the tannins usually. Lots of guides on how to do that

JB: Thanks Jo. I'm gonna try to taste mor of the oldest oak acorns around me

JB: Would be awesome, Justin

JB: @ Martin I agree. I dream about a future of starting a forest garden just from seeds :)

JB: @ Philip Yes, the taproot gets air pruned as well. I'm not sure if it continues to grow as a taproot once its planted again. The very branched side root structure might have an hormonal effect on the tree helping with early production, is one theory

JB: I'm familiar with grex as a specific way of naming hybrids. Q. Alba x Prinoides. Telling you specific parentage. A hybrid swarm describes a larger population.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hybrid_swarm

JB: @ Philip lister: You will still also get strong roots growing downwards.
<https://images.app.goo.gl/uxUjtFpHgFq2gBLv9>

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JB: For you in mediterranean climates, check out: <http://balanotrees.org/> Selected holm oaks for raw eating. Absolutely delicious! Taste like a mix of almond and coconut to me

RA: Thanks Jouke - I'm catching up on this at 3 this afternoon because I had to be out earlier - this is very important work. We need 'tree cereals' and sweet chestnut isn't suitable unless somebody does some breeding to get less sweet forms (and anyway they

RA: I've eaten acorns from holm oak, *Quercus ilex* (introduced) and from pedunculate oak, *Quercus robur* (native) in Britain, on the Isle of Wight. They were very tasty in both cases but as expected the holm oak acorns needed far less leaching.

RA: Thanks Jouke - we can grow some regular holm oaks in Britain so they might be worth trying for us too. We need our own breeding programmes!

AR: Whatching on Friday as well. We make bread for us and for sale, from regulars acorns. But selected varieties would be very interesting!

AR: In Missouri they have selected early bearing cultivars. Don't remember the species...

JD: Thankyou that was very inspiring! Hope we can open up some stronger seed sharing networks throughout the baltics.