

Frill ringing

Frill ringing is a good technique for controlling weedy trees that are too thick or awkward to cut stump and poison.

With a small sharp hatchet make one or preferably two series of well spaced downward-facing cuts right round the tree and just deep enough to cut through the bark, squirting a good dose of herbicide into each cut immediately it is made. The cuts should not overlap each other, but should be staggered right around the trunk about one hatchet width apart. Cut below the lowest lateral branch.

Frill ringing has the two advantages that it is faster than cut stumping for large trees and the tree remains standing after treatment, allowing easier access to the area. The tree quickly sheds its leaves and dies over several months, slowly falling to pieces over several years to form litter on the ground.

Always wear gloves and safety goggles whilst frill ringing – your hands and eyes are more important than the weeds.

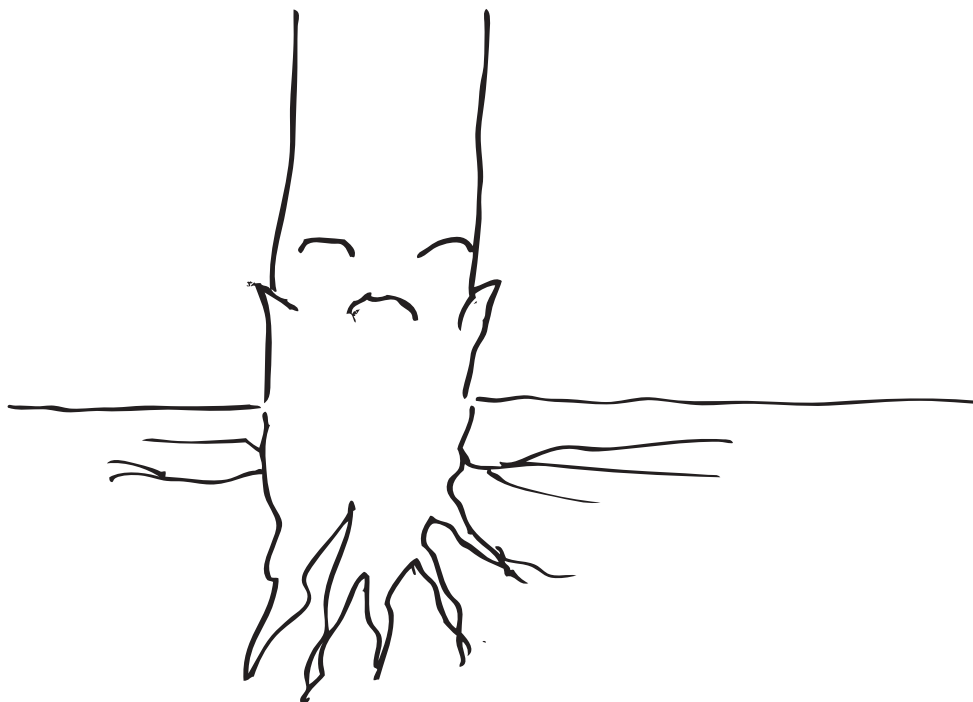


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