Foraging Woodland

1. Canopy

It is often forgotten, as one so easily collects food on a supermarket trip that before the advent of the modern supermarket every single one of the world's vegetables was once a wild plant. What we eat today is the result of generations of plant adaptation and managed plant cross breeding.

The foraging woodland provides a wonderful journey of discovery where a forest garden concept provides food for people and wildlife alike. A forest garden is modelled on a natural woodland. In many ways a foraging or forest garden is the most natural way to garden and provides a natural way to manage food resources while adapting to climate change and providing biodiversity enhancement.





Like a natural woodland it has many layers; trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants. In this natural foraging woodland, the tree layer contains fruit and nut trees alongside other native trees with multifunctional uses. The shrub layer contains soft fruits, nut bushes and edible leaves while the ground layer comprises wild and cultivated vegetables and herbs. Unlike a managed garden plot the soils are not dug and all plants will be self-seeding or regenerating.

Orchard Key:

Zone A: Trees and Native

herbaceous planting

Understory shrub planting

Zone B: Native shrub and shade

Zone C: Native Groundcover and

Note areas A-C: Native woodland natural succession perimeter planting.

Generally a native woodland edge

trees, shrubs and deciduous and

structure compromising of scattered

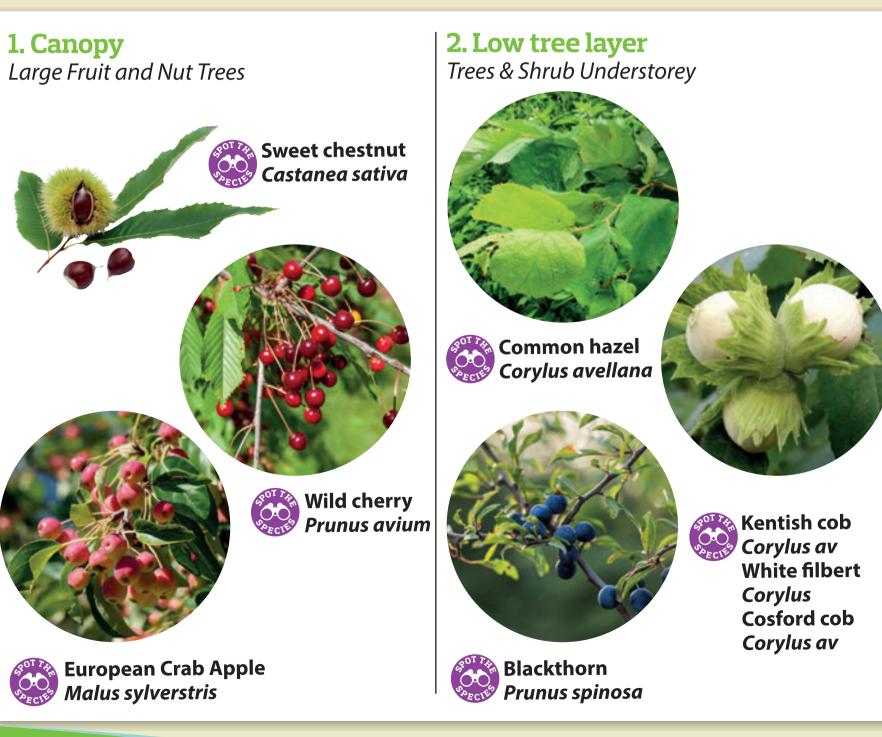
native climax tree species, sub climax

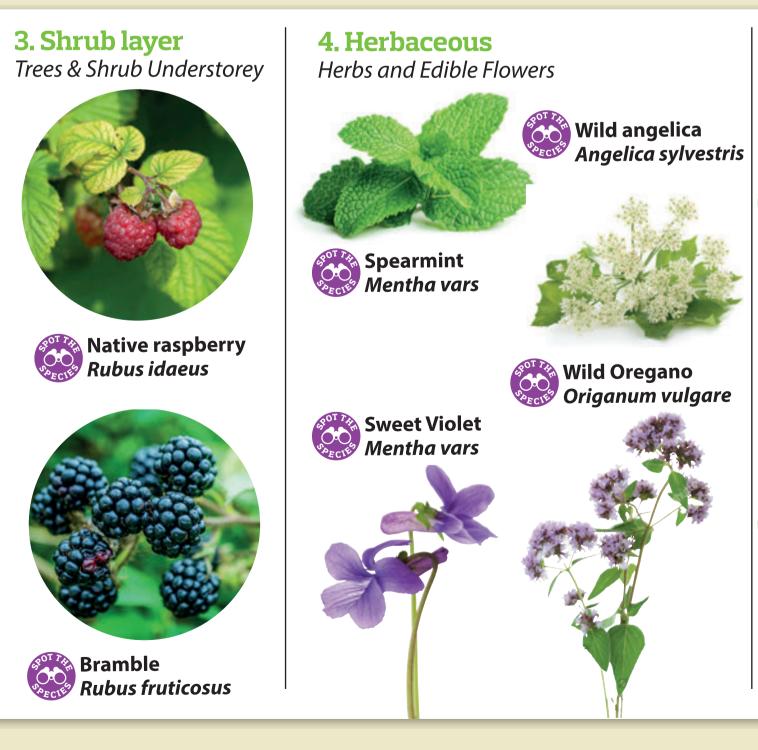
evergreen understory and herbaceous.

Zone D: Wildflower pollination beds

Zone E: Shrub, berry and fruiting beds

tolerant herbaceous species planting







Zone F: Herbaceous, groudcover and

Note zone E-F: Forest Garden Mounds,

Gentle sloping mounds max 2.5m high,

planted up with native and non native

edible plants to provide foraging mounds.

Zone G: Cob nut and Filbert Groves

Zone H: Heritage Orchard - Mixed

variety orchard using local and old

strips underneath the tree rows.

varieties planting with a pollination

meadow and with companion planting

