

produced shoots before they were potted, which confirmed my previous observation: The trees never stopped growing!

It obviously pays to look after trees on all levels and to create the perfect environment for them to grow in. I mist them every few hours in the hot-house and tents, and water and spray them every second day with the remedies. A lot of experimentation will still have to be done as to duration of treatment and method.

The Rescue Remedy can be used in the following way: If a tree or shrub has been transplanted it has received some shock; treatment for a day or two will reduce the effect and commence rejuvenation. Put ten drops from the bottle into the watering can and pour around the roots (if the ground is dry give a good watering beforehand). Use a fine spray for foliage. For pricked-out seedlings and potted-on plants put four drops in a bio mister hand sprayer and apply to compost and foliage. The cream can be applied to pruning cuts to aid healing. Walnut remedy can also be used as an aid to recovery after transplanting or repotting.

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STYLING WILD OLIVES IN THE BASIC STYLES CHARLES CERONIO

The wild olive is a very versatile tree and can be grown in virtually any style. The most important aspects of styling are discussed below.

FORMING THE WILD OLIVE INTO THE FORMAL UPRIGHT STYLE

Since this is the basis of all bonsai styles it is fitting to attempt to grow wild olives in this style.

When we think of the wild olive, we see in our mind's eye a gnarled and knotty trunk which could possibly be developed into an informal style. Wild olives can, however, be developed as easily into a formal style. It is important to find material with good, spreading roots. This form the base of the formal style and should be selected with care. The roots must spread uniformly around the trunk to give a feeling of stability to the tree.

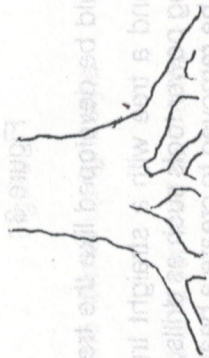


Figure 1

If the roots are good we must look for a straight trunk and preferably one with taper. Even if there are no side branches, this trunk can form the basis for our future formal tree and branches can be developed on it.