

# THE RED SHED FOREST GARDENING COURSE

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**Objectives** By the end of this course participants will be able to:

1. Describe the processes and structures in soil which create fertility
2. Create and maintain garden conditions which improve fertility
3. State the nine layers of the forest garden
4. Choose appropriate trees for a forest garden and state their uses
5. Plant and maintain their chosen trees and soft fruits
6. Design the layout of a forest garden appropriate to local circumstances and resources
7. Fit annual harvests into the perennial structure of a forest garden
8. State the purpose and advantages of a forest garden
9. Know where to find further information and resources to develop their forest garden design

## Establishing a Forest Garden Two Day Programme

	<b>Saturday</b>
9.00	<b>Assemble, tea/coffee, Wander round</b>
9.30	Introductions- What did you notice?-Outline of the Day- Why Forest Gardening
10.00	Draw a Tree- Starting from different positions - woodland - orchards- My Own Plot
10.30	Layers of the Forest Garden
11.00	Coffee break and comfort break
11.30	Potential inputs- potential outputs
12.00	Soil
12.30	Let's have another look outside
12.30	<b>Lunch</b>
1.15	About trees 1
1.45	Gardening in five dimensions over under sideways down relationships and time
2.15	Perennials vs annuals
2.30	Know your species an outdoor exercise
3	So where would you start
3.30	Review and what do you still need to know
4.00	<b>Tea and close</b>
	Homework: Native Trees
	<b>Sunday</b>
9.00	<b>Assemble, tea/coffee, Wander round</b>
9.30	Opening circle. What did you notice? Why does this matter to you?
10	Homework- Native Trees
10.30	Bed creation/patterning
11.00	Coffee and comfort break- Let's have another look outside
11.30	Cycles of fertility- who's working at it and what are they doing?
12.00	Climate and weather and the landscape
12.30	<b>Lunch</b>
1.15	How fruit trees are made
1.45	Soft fruits and basic pruning
2	What other yields might there be? Livestock-Energy-
2.30	Paths-Structures-Water Management
3	My own plot
3.30	Review- Q&A -next objectives
4.00	<b>Tea and close</b>