

CORRESPONDENCE

The Hon. Editor,
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Dear Sir,

DEFINITION OF PRUNING REGIMES

Mr Crowther has raised the question, during our 1962 Annual General Meeting, of the need to define the extent of pruning with more precision. Members probably do not need to be reminded that "intermediate pruning", for example, can mean the removal of branches from varying height levels. I would suggest that we define pruning in a similar manner to that used to define nursery stock - 1/1 nursery stock has a universal, well known meaning - and if a comparable numerical definition was given for pruning, with the first number giving the height, in feet, from which the particular pruning begins, and the second number giving the height, in feet, to which pruning is taken, then a practical definition emerges.

For example: 0/6 pruning would represent pruning from ground level to 6 feet; 18/25 pruning would represent pruning from 18 feet to 25 feet; 8/18 pruning would represent pruning from 8 feet to 18 feet.

With the current emphasis on pruning in tending schedules, this suggestion may avoid confusion as to what is meant by a particular pruning regime.

Yours faithfully,

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Note: The need for more precise definition is also indicated by the British Commonwealth Forest Terminology, wherein it is noted parenthetically under "Prune, to" that "In Australia and New Zealand above 8 ft 'high pruning'; below 8 ft 'low pruning'". Ed.