

8. Galgen



Galgen was restored as woodland pasture some years ago.

North of Gyllene Uttern is an enclosed pasture on a slope, which until a few years ago had become entirely overgrown. In order to help the old oaks, other deciduous trees and flowering and berry-bearing bushes such as roses and hawthorn, 50,000 grey alder trees were removed.

In the Gränna area there are several areas of land with enormous oaks,

including at Finntorpet, Vretaholm and Aranäs, which to a great extent motivates an effort to retain and develop sunlit, large deciduous trees in the landscape.

The upper part of the enclosed pasture has many bushes, while the lower part is a dense oak wood, many are very large trees.

In the northern part are some large

ash trees, one enormous ash has the signal species dotted lichen.

The land is grazed mainly by sheep, but cooperation has also been ongoing here using cattle. There is some dry meadow with the grass *Festúca ovina* and hairy rockcress and meadow saxifrage. Plants that prefer groves, such as true-love, are found in the densest part of the enclosed pasture.



WORTH KNOWING

There is a conservation agreement between the landowner and the Swedish Forest Agency. Restoration is in cooperation with the landowner, the Biosphere Reserve East Vättern Scarp Landscape, the Swedish Forest Agency and WWF. Galgen is a demonstration area for very large trees.

HOW TO GET THERE: About 1 km north-east of Röttle village.

PARKING: No specific parking area, it is possible to park by a gravel road north of the area.

BUS: From Bankeryd/Jönköping/Huskvarna towards Gränna, bus stop Röttlevägen.

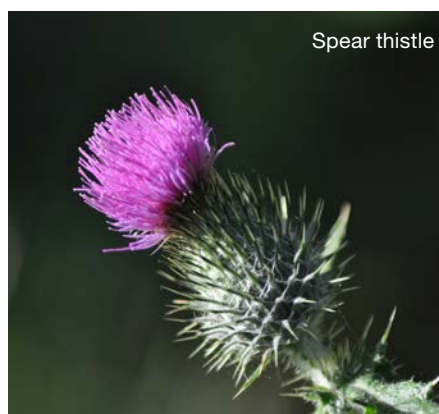
DIFFICULTY: ● Easy



Meadow saxifrage



Glaucous dogrose



Spear thistle



The jungle of grey alder prior to restoration