

51. The Kohultseken oak



At the Kohult farm there are some very old oak trees, including the two largest in the municipality, which have circumferences of 776 and 748 cm respectively. They are thought to be at least 500 years old.

The Kohult oak and several other large oaks are in well-kept grazing land in Bottnaryd parish at the Kohult farm on the eastern side of the Svansjön lake. The landscape is small-scale, hilly and well-grazed by livestock. Many places have rather high humidity and biotypes that are closest to wet-meadow type. The area is situated on granite and is characterised largely by open land. Here and there

is woodland with deciduous trees well represented in many places. Around the Kohult farm is some a natural pastureland. In the pasture there are ancient graves.

Next to the road which leads up to the houses is a very old, hollow oak with very rough bark and much loose material in its hollows. There are clear traces of fire in this decaying oak and only an outer shell of healthy wood



WORTH KNOWING

In former times the felling of oaks was forbidden. They belonged to the State and the King. When this prohibition ceased in the 19th century many old oaks were removed. Here in Kohult, many of the oaks were retained.

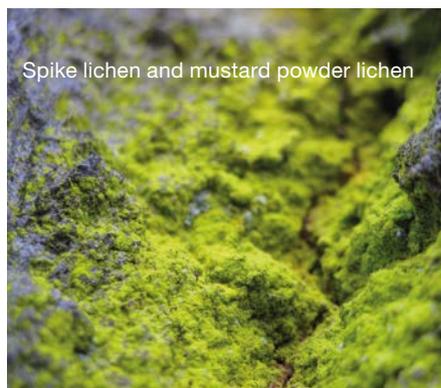
HOW TO GET THERE: Road 40 towards Göteborg, turn off towards Botnaryd. Turn left at sign Svansö 6. Drive 4 km, right at sign to Kohult. Drive up to the farm.

PARKING: You can park at the farm area at Kohults gård farm.

DIFFICULTY: ● Easy

remains. The oaks harbour interesting lichen flora and insect fauna. There is much cupped soot lichen, spike lichen, and needle lichen, well worth examining with a magnifying glass.

The ground is fresh to damp. The tree canopy consists of oak, alder, aspen, birch, mountain ash, beech and spruce. The bush canopy includes hazel bushes. In the area are also hazel trees, each with a single trunk and crown, which is uncommon. Meadow plants in the area include field scabious, devil's bit scabious, melancholy thistle, ragged robin, globeflower and pyramidal bugle.



Spike lichen and mustard powder lichen



Bee beetle on field scabious



Hazel