

Almonds and Peaches are of the same family, but the Almond develops more erect type growth, so must be kept thinned out more carefully. The **method** of fruit production is also slightly different, so that heading back of the fruit-bearing wood **is unnecessary** as is the case with Peaches.

Pruning should be done during the winter months while the tree is dormant.

In some sections of the country there will be more die-back than in other areas. The first procedure is **to remove** any dead wood which has shown up during **the past season**. Second, cut out the least important of the interfering or rubbing branches.

Fruit will be born on an Almond tree on the one-year branches. That is, branches which grew during the last season's growing period will produce fruit this summer.

Prune out the twigs which produced fruit the last summer, leaving one or two new shoots which should have grown from near the base of the last year's fruiting-wood. Make the cut immediately above the uppermost of these shoots or twigs, which are left with the fruiting-wood. When this phase of the pruning is completed, there should be an even distribution of branches. If some branches are thicker in one position than in another, do a little further thinning until the branches are more or less even.

Do not be concerned if the tree is a little too tall, as the ripe nuts can be reached by long poles without damage to the tree.

Because of the heavy growth of the tree, it is desirable to encourage the growth of the lower branches of the tree well filled in.



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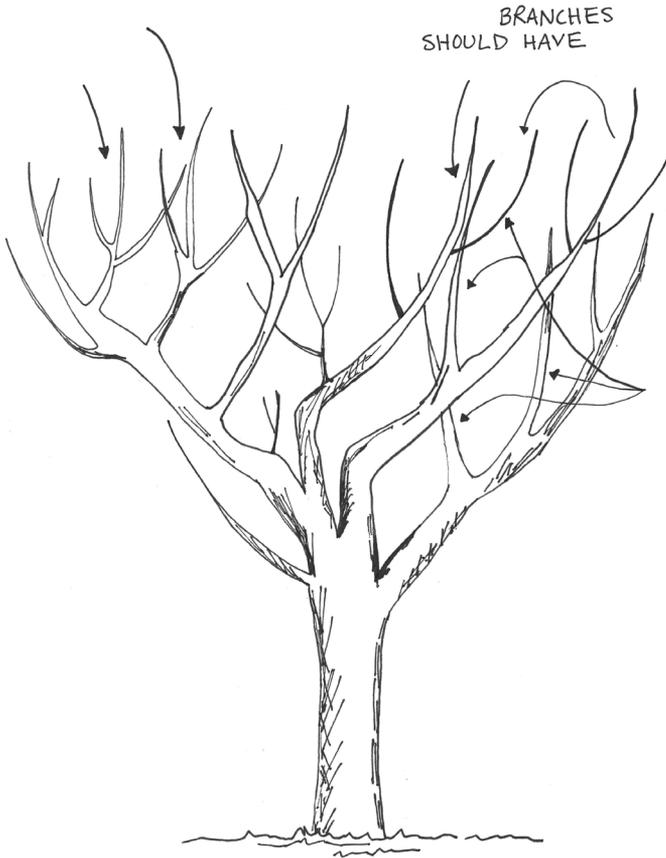
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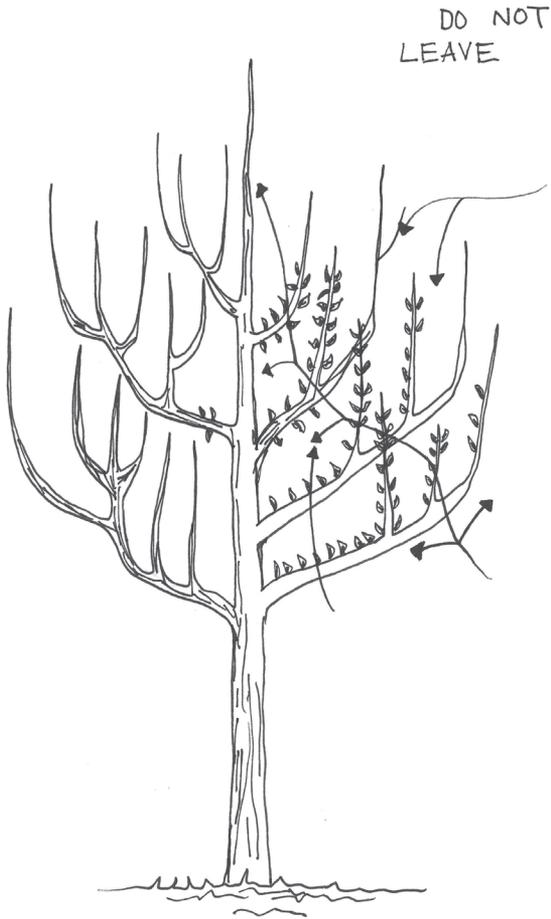
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“above ground suckers”

are recognized by the habit of growth,  
in comparison with

the old which have lost a main branch,  
become one-sided,  
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Thinning

after the “June drop”

in an effort by nature to adjust the crop to  
what the tree can bear.