



Training notes for Volunteers – Bow saws and Loppers

Purpose

- To cut woody shrubs/trees of different sizes
- Loppers – no bigger than thickness of your thumb
- Bow saw – thumb size piece upwards, no bigger than 8” (20cm)

Demonstration

- Practical demonstration with both tools
- Highlight the hazardous parts of both tools
- Have a glove on at least the non-cutting hand with bow saw
- Angled cuts with loppers (no forcing)

Safe storage

- Flat on the ground with no shard parts exposed
- Leave in a visible place

Safe carrying position

- Bow saw blade pointing down, horizontal with the ground
- Hold lower lopper handle to stop them swinging open.
- Do not run or walk backwards
- Look out for rabbit holes, low stumps

General

- Always wear gloves with the exception of the cutting hand with a bow saw if necessary
- Do not force the tools to do anything bigger than the recommended limits
- Report any damaged tool to Designated Work Party Leader
- If in doubt, just ask Designated Work Party Leader

Report any problems or concerns to Designated Work Party Leader

