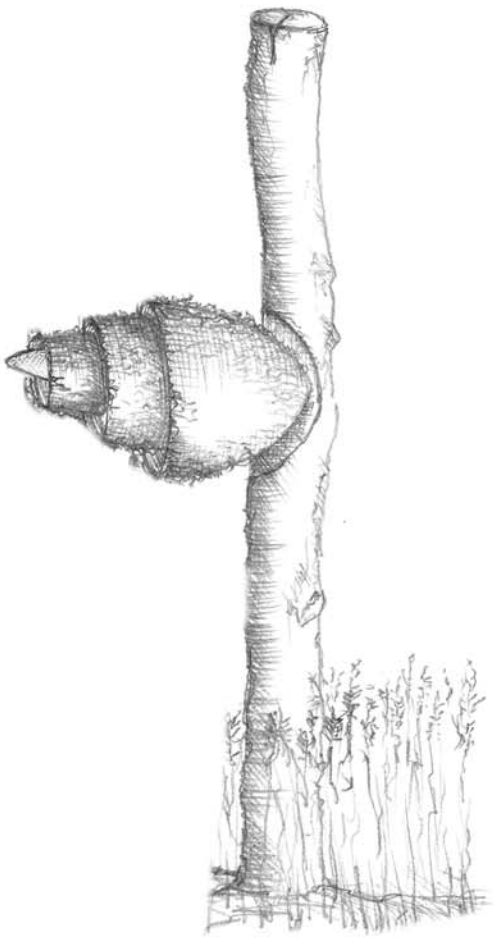


CONCEPT

THE HUMMING TREE

The humming tree garden is dealing with the exchange of energy between nature and human beings.
We propose an environmental art installation with 25 tree trunks, eleven with an attached sculpture made of hay and steel. The shape of the sculpture is derived from a jet-engine of an airplane and a wasp nest.
It poses the question to the visitor: are we moved by nature or is nature moved (either forward or backward) by humans?
Is it the tree that fuels the engine, or are the trees put into motion by the engine?
The treetrunks are blackened with a charcoal emulsion. They populate the garden with the bright yellow of rape seed and Carthamus Tinctorius, and patches of grass and mustard seed at their feet. These are oilproducing crops, some substituting traditional fuel. The path leads the visitor by the nose, with the smell of alternating flourishing crops, along the hay covered environmental sculptures in the trees.
The beauty of the environmental installation is the eyecatcher, the stinger is the question it poses about our use of nature and the possibility of renewable energy.

Lay out of the garden*

* The humming tree can also be executed in an existing forest in Les Jardins de Métis, and not necessarily in a square like in the drawing.

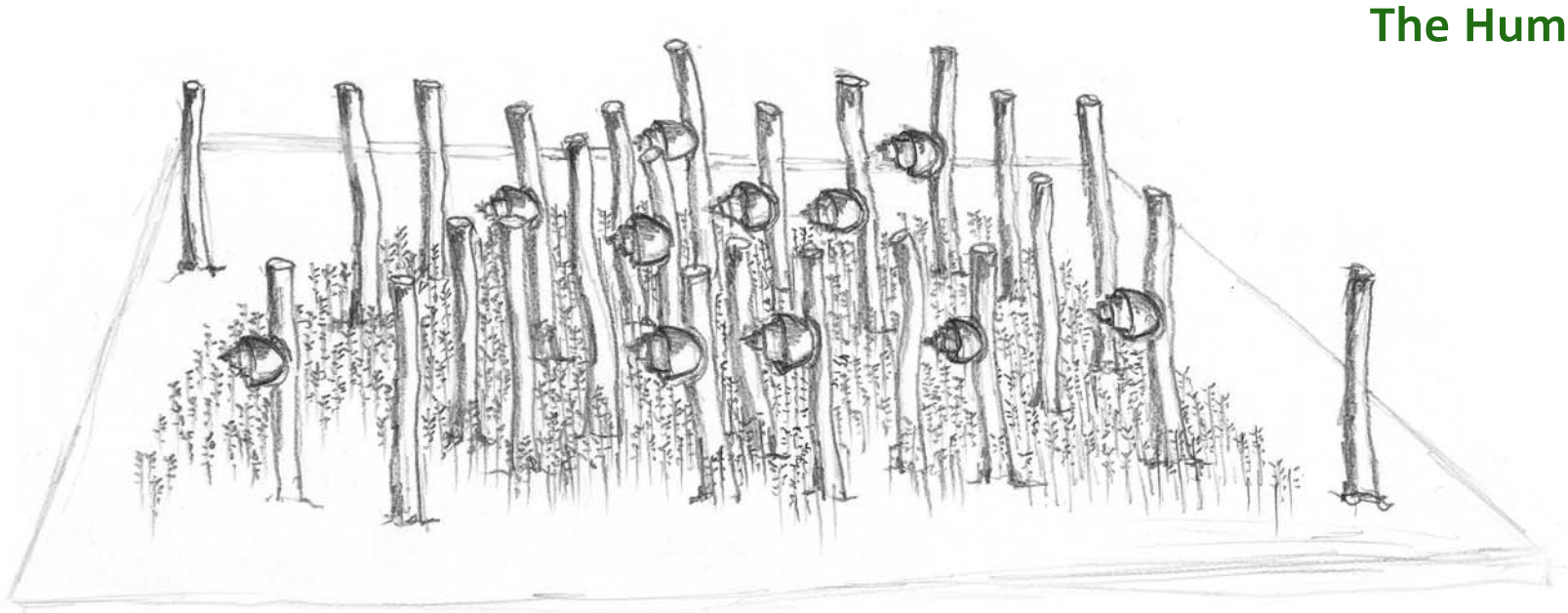
List of plants

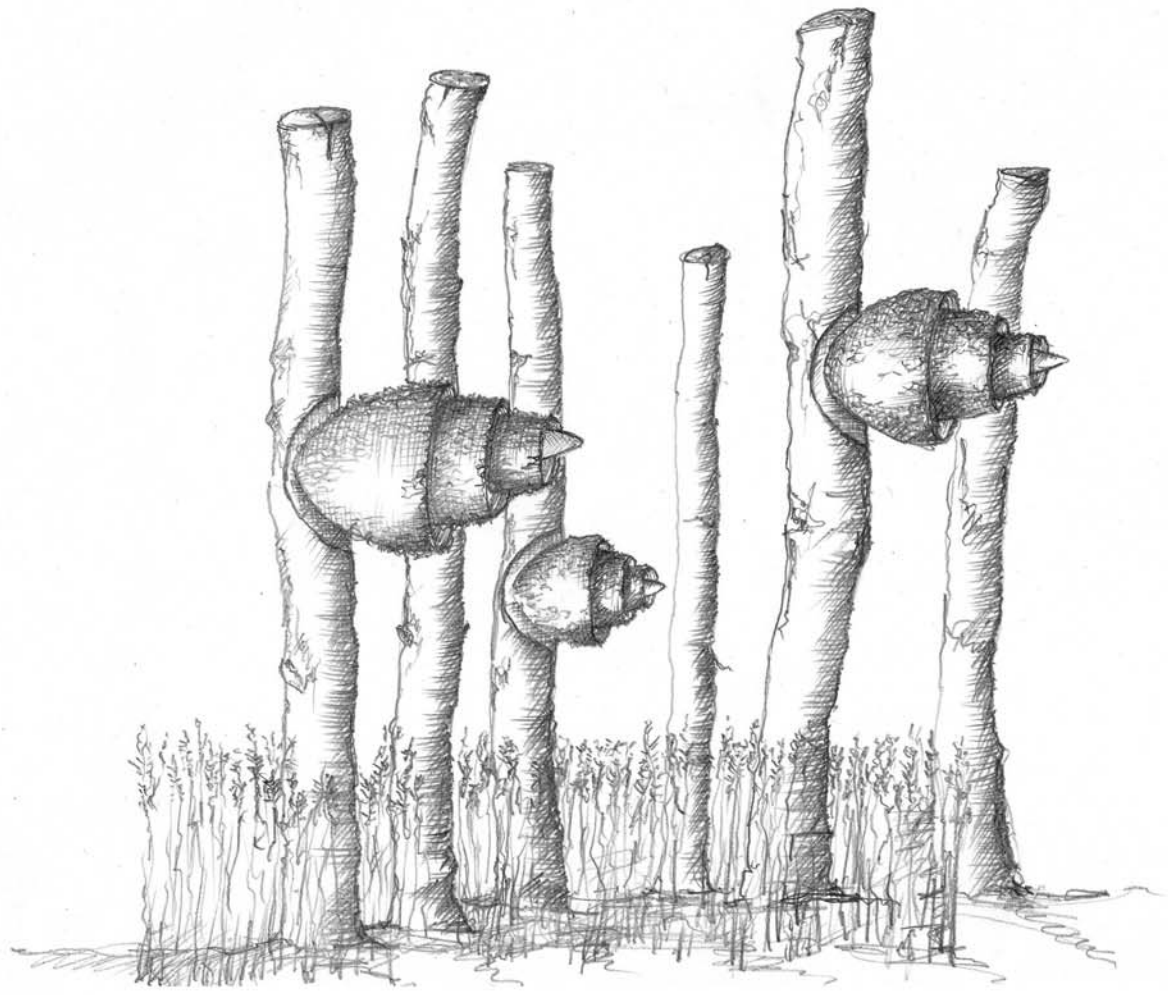
Grass with mustard seed

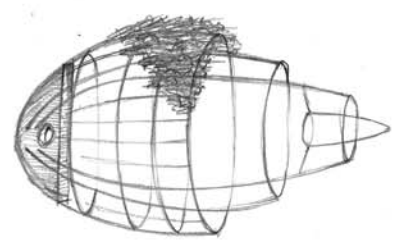
Carthamus Tinctorius

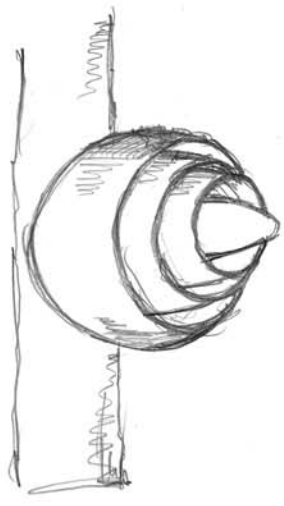
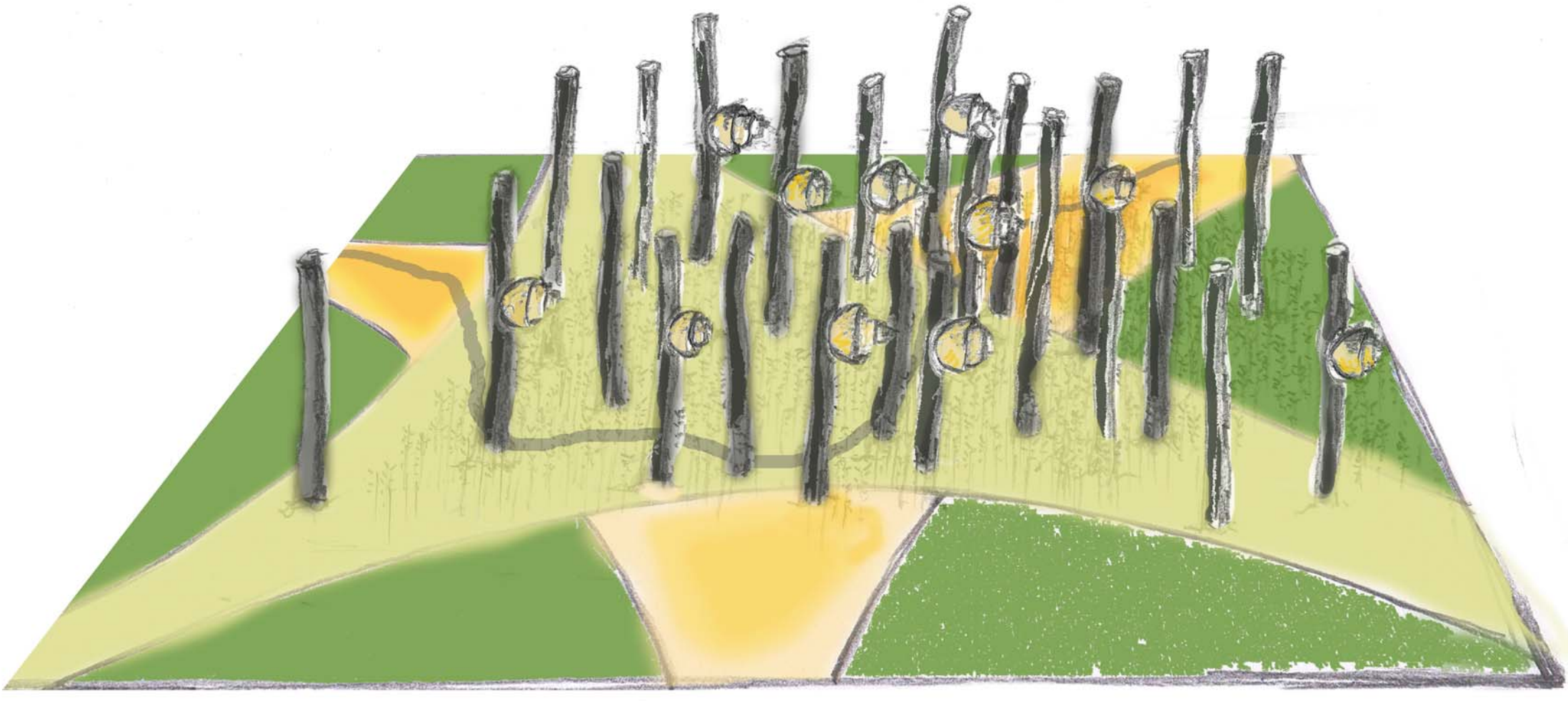
Safflower (rape seed)

The Humming Tree Garden









Approximate sizes of the trunks: diameter 35 cm, lenght 5 meters
Measurements of the sculptures: 130-150 long, diameter 80-90 cm
Materials: steel frame (10 mm), chicken wire, hay
The hay will be stitched on the chicken wire.