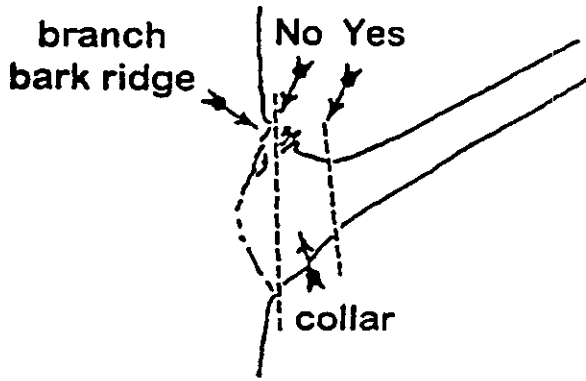
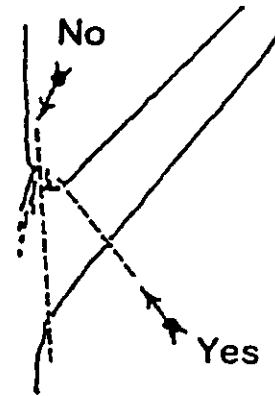


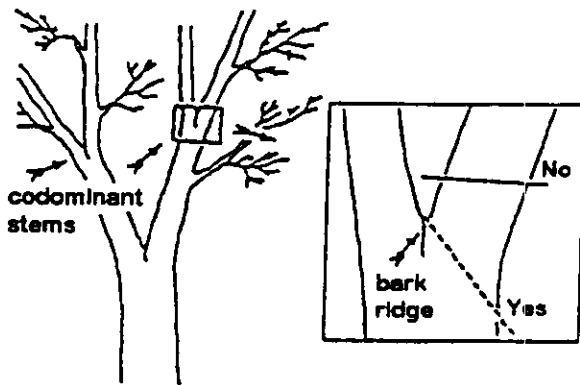
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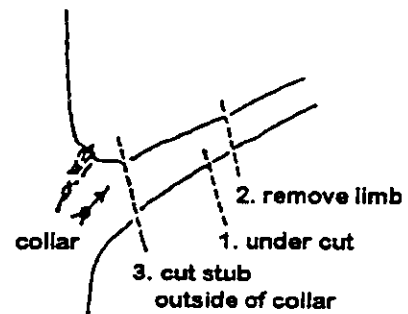
When removing a branch, always cut outside the branch bark ridge and collar. Do not make a flush cut.



Branches that do not have a distinct collar should be cut at a right angle to the branch outside the branch bark ridge.



Trees may have codominant stems, as shown on the left. If a codominant stem must be removed, cut at an angle outside of the bark ridge as shown in the insert at right. Avoid leaving any stub.



When removing heavy limbs, first make an undercut several inches outside of the collar. Then remove limb by a second cut an inch or so outside of the first cut. Remove stub with a third cut just outside of the collar. (Feucht, 1985)