

**I CHRISTIAN VAUPELLS FODSPOR**  
**– registrering af bemærkelsesværdige danske træer<sup>1</sup>**

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**– Registration of Remarkable Danish Trees**

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## Summary

This article is a short version of the author's term paper "The Danish Tree Register - a Tool for Registration of Remarkable Danish Trees", produced in 1996 under the guidance of lecturer Poul Søndergaard of the Arboretum in Hørsholm.

The so-called Dragon-tree (Lindormetræet), an old lime tree in Farum, is used as an illustration to show the wide variety of information recorded in the Danish Tree Register.

The first attempts to register remarkable Danish trees, i. e. trees noteworthy for size or other reasons, date back to the 19th century. The work was started by the botanist and forest historian Christian Vaupell. His book *The Danish Forests* (1863) described a series of big oak trees and gave the first reliable measurements of these trees. His work inspired others, scientists as well as artists, to take an interest in individual trees in the years to follow.

The Danish Tree Register was started in the spring 1996. It records information on trees of special botanical or historical interest, including trees that have played a particular role in popular belief, superstition and tales about the old ways.

The register consists of a database with all the information about the individual trees. If you are interested in a special tree or a special subject in connection with the trees, the register can give you the information you want if you use searchwords to look for it. It is an easy and efficient tool to use. At the moment the register holds information about 112 books or articles and 113 individual trees. Our knowledge of the importance of trees to man in the past centuries, except as a natural resource, is rather limited. That is one of the reasons why it is so important to collect the still existing information. In making such information available, the Danish Tree Register may become a useful tool for future research on Trees and Man.