



Discussion about tree climbing and what is available

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In our industry, the art of climbing has exceeded anyone's imagination. With diverse possibilities, we can climb trees focusing more on our work positioning, rope pulling strategy, less time-consuming and safe movement whilst the job still gets done on time. For all that to happen, we should integrate what we know and be ready for the unknown. Throughout the years, I have been developing strategies on how to properly use specific gear and technique to particular jobs.



Ascending an old pear tree / Source: N.Ames 2017

Even though techniques will help you to be effortless, efficient and safer, there is a necessity to maintain the main instrument of income: the body. Along the way, I realised we can integrate both - MRT (Moving Rope Technique) and SRS (Single Rope Stationary) - in our daily working practices. Nothing better than move through a canopy with a system free of slack and precise rope pulls with a comfortable body position and successfully walk on the limb without any exertion. For some with deep imagination, MRT is the main player of this game. Though, without misgiving, SRS has its functional practicability and profound adequacy, especially in Australia where trees can exceed 40 metres in height. Depending on the job, you might have to climb more than four trees a day and if you do not use your whole body wisely, you may feel crooked on the next day.

Some of us are using access lines to independently reach the canopy as quick as we can to consequently make the trip downhill a bit snuggier. Of course, that will change depending on the canopy or tree-like structure. Even though, the interchange within both systems can be suitable for any situation. Quickness would not matter this time, when



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really if you adhere with one good way of climbing, you will eventually get better and faster whilst providing a safe manner. Developing an ascending system where you can descend fast enough in case of emergency but also support your energy levels to reach the top and be ready for work can be a splendid option. Aerial rescue is a great advantage if the access line is well set up, creating broad possibilities even for an unskilled ground person to lower you down. Day by day we pass through innovations and/or techniques that sometimes can be unnoticeable. In this case, we might have to ask ourselves: How do we collect all the missing points?



Ascending setup system / Source: M.Perry 2018

I suppose by observation and patience could be one option. Or moreover, in creating a social environment where an exchange is the main vehicle that could improve not just people's relationship but innovation in total. Pencilling down or taking photos/videos during or after your day's work can be another suitable option to learn from it, as long as do not distract you from safety. New gear features keep innovating with good intentions in providing more security, comfort and efficiency to satisfy long-lasting climbers or also those unhappy with their fitness level opting for a better alternative.

Technology in some aspects can be on our side aiming to promote prosperity and great advances, though for that to happen it needs to be well accepted by different individuals. Surely as soon as new gear is invented, basic training may be necessary.

Departing from a climber perspective, throw line is probably one of the most important tools, despite the necessity to use a single line or double line technique. Accuracy and patience make up the difference



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between tiredness and readiness. From this conception, SRS is a great bonus. Shooting a line over the canopy and able to anchor absent of rope isolation is a timesaving berth.

Single ascension exchanging to MRT are models already implemented by experienced climbers, which despite some say about the time wasted in the process, it is well otherwise considered in terms of efficiency and safety reasons as previously mentioned above.



Limb-walking Twin Towers in Tasmania / Source: M.Perry 2018

The beautiful fad about all this is the barter between SRS and MRT to be utilised in different situations and the art of notion will come down to individual's perception in how and when using the right one for the specific predicament.