

Roots form the basic framework of plant life. They provide support, water and nutrients and also function as essential information carriers between plants.

In our project "*talk to me!*" we focus on roots as channels of communication. The digital age we live in, with its technological achievements, offers many possibilities for high-speed communication, status updates and live chats but analogue and intergenerational communication fall by the wayside.

Therefore, we want to dig and bring the hidden networks of the underground, and in a figurative sense the human connections to the past, at least partially to light. For it is only through communication and knowledge transfer that a glimpse into the past is revealed.

Three planting islands with perennials, grasses and smaller woody plants form the green basis of "*talk to me!*" At the edge of the planting islands, brass tubes emerge from the earth. The tubes glisten in the sun and arouse curiosity. The ends of the tubes open up into a funnel and invite you to listen and call in.

Our contribution invites you to playfully engage with the hidden, secret, mysterious structures of the roots, with the hidden interconnections. "*talk to me!*" questions the way how we as humans communicate with each other, how we as humans deal with ancient knowledge.

We rely on technological communication channels and often forget about the treasure of knowledge that lies hidden, under the earth, in our roots, in our past.

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Plant selection

Perennials

Aruncus dioicus
Astilboides tabularis
Carex buchananii
Deschampsia caespitosa
Euphorbia griffithii, 'Fireglow'
Euphorbia palustris
Rodgersia pinnata
Sorbaria sorbifolia

Trees & Shrubs

Aralia elata
Asimina triloba
Rhus typhina

Weeds

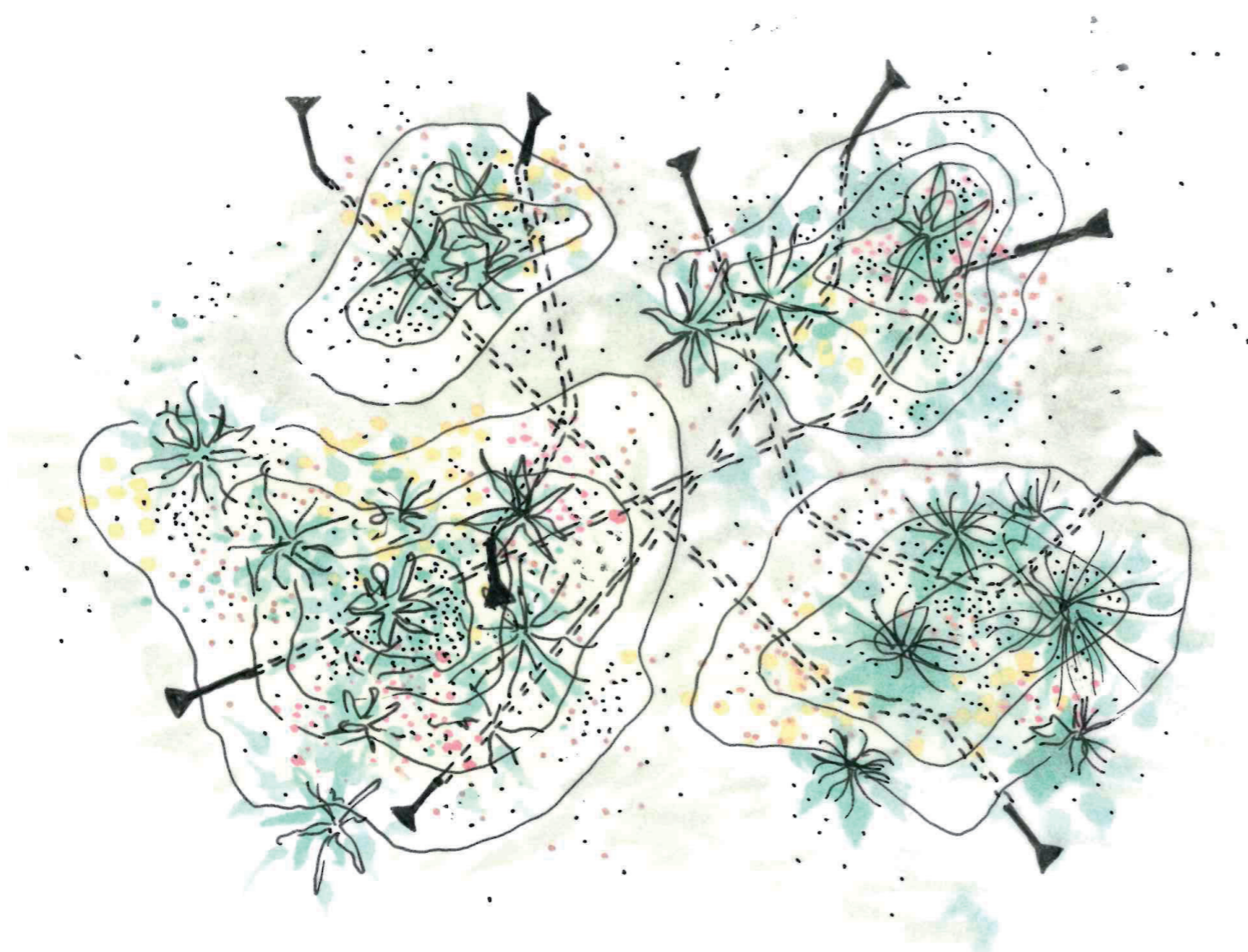
Arundo donax
Calamagrostis x acutiflora 'Karl Foerster'
Miscanthus sinensis 'Dronning Ingrid'
Miscanthus sinensis 'Gracillimus'

Ferns

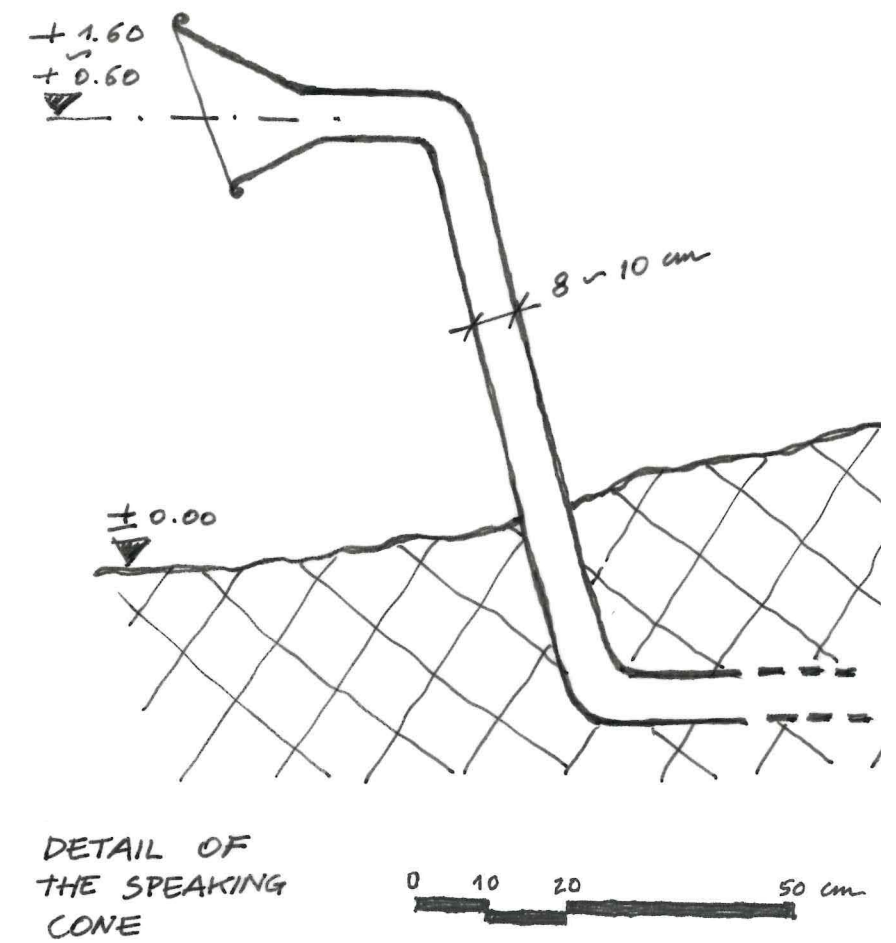
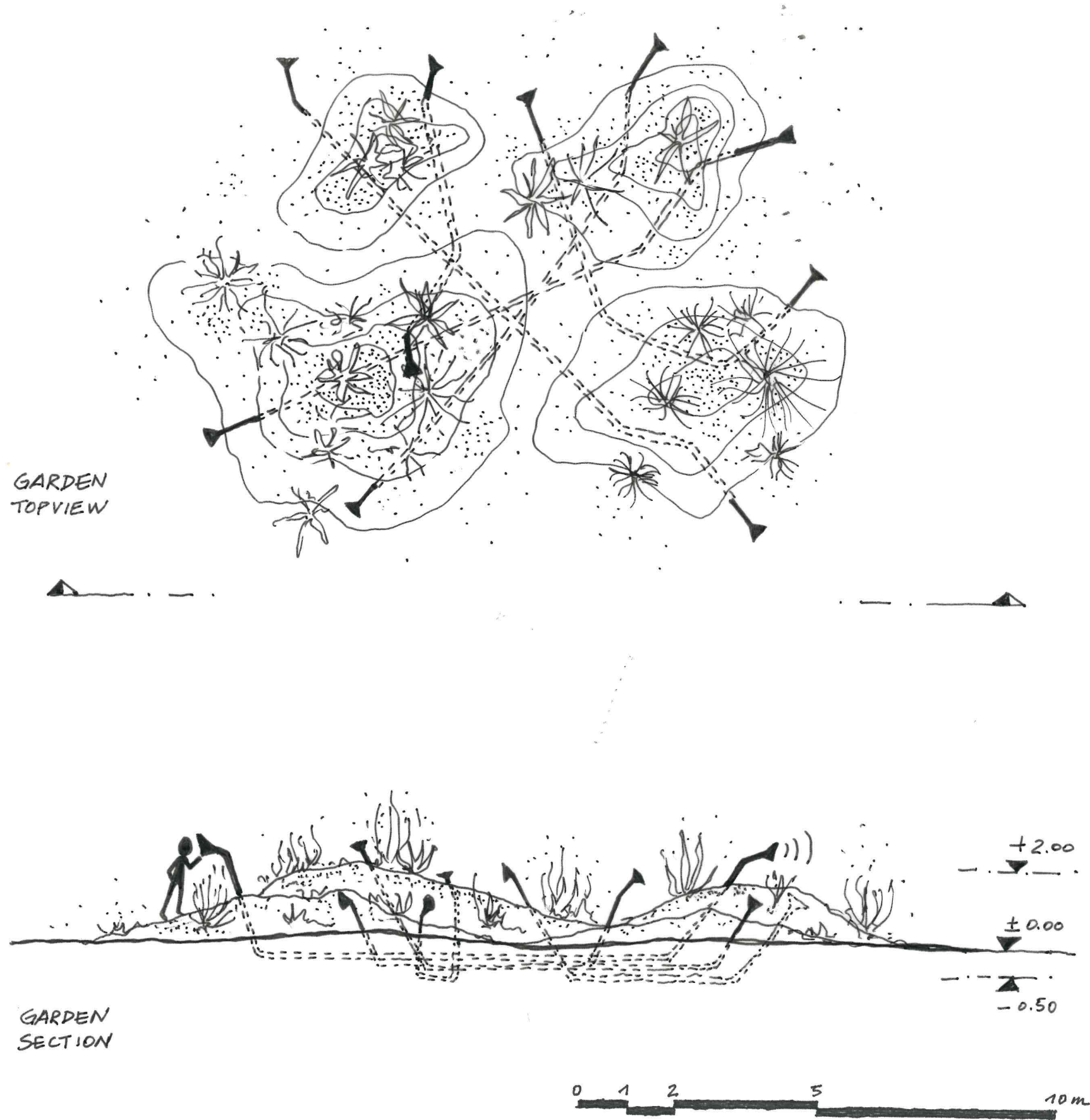
Dryopteris filix-mas
Polystichum setiferum

Bulb plants

Tulipa 'Queen of Night'
Tulipa, 'Ballerina'



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