

## *Forthcoming Seminar*

### **‘From Tape Measures to Treetops: Understanding the World’s Tallest and Largest Trees’**

The Scottish Branch of the Arboricultural Association is pleased to announce an exciting seminar looking at the emerging science of ecological canopy mapping in some of the world’s tallest trees. Dr Robert Van Pelt, University of Washington, and Dr Stephen Sillet, Humboldt State University, California, will take delegates on a flying visit to the high canopies of some of the world’s largest and most ancient trees, where they will introduce a unique community of specialised flora and fauna previously unknown to the outside world. The forest canopies of the earth are realms of unfathomed nature, and they are still largely a mystery. Taking the study of crown architecture and dendrochronology to dizzy heights, this is an introduction to an exciting new field of research which utilises the latest technologies in climbing and working at great heights. Dr Robert van Pelt, renowned big tree hunter and author of *‘Forest Giants of the Pacific Northwest’*, will also talk on his work seeking out and recording some of the biggest and oldest trees in the world. A unique seminar not to be missed.

The seminar will take place on **Friday 1 July 2005** at the lecture theatre, **Royal Botanic Garden, Edinburgh**. Anyone interested can obtain further details from Donald Rodger on 01620 842656, or [donald.rodger@virgin.net](mailto:donald.rodger@virgin.net).