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PEOPLE WITH an interest in orchards were given the opportunity to join a team of experts yesterday, as they explored one of the best in the Carse of Gowrie.

As part of the Tayside

Biodiversity Festival, informal tours of Megginch Castle orchard and walled garden were led by lichenologists John Douglass and Peder Aspen, who pointed out the lichens living on the fruit trees.

Another expert, David Bell, of Abernethy, identified plants, insects and birds, and explained the variety of wildlife that use orchards. The festival runs until the end of the month.

● Mr Aspen, Mr Bell, Mr Douglass, orchard adviser Andrew Lear, biodiversity officer Catherine Lloyd, McManus Galleries entomologist David Lampard and SCR's Gavin Ramsay.