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You have to take your hat off to it — it's the helmet tree

WE'RE all familiar with Christmas trees, shoe trees, and family trees, but a photo of Scotland's unique helmet tree in full fruit is almost as rare as an action shot of the Loch Ness monster cleaning Laggan Locks! Nature lovers Dave and Doreen Rowland, of the Manchester 17 club, stumbled on this colourful spectacle while watching the Loch Lomond club's recent Dan Stewart two-day trial. Hot weather explains a rich crop of fruit which evaporated after a bunch of Sassenach heathens tackled a nearby section. Among them were John Metcalfe (Suzuki) and Chris Clarke (Bultaco), who finished top of the tree after a dead heat on the opening stage of the only trial in the British Isles to use punch-card marking since the Irish round of the world championship.