



## EADHA ENTERPRISES NATIONAL ASPEN CLONE COLLECTION

### ARDMORE POINT CLONE

Ardmore Point is a peninsula jutting into the Clyde estuary, 2 km north-west of Cardross. This privately owned area of land has a nature trail and is considered a Regionally Important Geographical Site (RIGS) due to unique rock formations including an exposed sea cliff. It is a popular fishing and bird-spotting area and grey seals can also be seen here. The site holds the Clyde Areas only regular wintering Slavonian Grebes as well as Great Crested and occasional Red-necked Grebe. It is also good for Red-throated Divers as well as occasional Black-throated and Great Northern Diver. The nearby Cardross Bay is good for wintering waders and wildfowl, and also regularly has Slavonian Grebe present in winter. During World War II, the Ardmore boom depot was located there. This was an anti-submarine defence depot. There is an extensive aspen clone on the point, extending for at least 150 yards along the top of the shore. This clone has an interesting provenance in that it has been found to be genetically identical to a clone located on the banks of the River Leven at Dumbarton Golf Course. It is thought that a section of root from this clone has been detached at some time and has floated down the Leven and into the Clyde where it has washed ashore at Ardmore Point and gone on to successfully germinate suckers.