On the 15th September, whilst visiting Arran to see its endemic Sorbus microspecies, two lone, unprotected and heavily grazed Sorbus trees were observed by us near the top of the Catacol burn. One was a rowan (S. aucuparia) but the other had larger terminal leaflets, some of which had lobes resembling fused leaflets, and just four to five (sometimes six) pairs of lateral leaflets across the majority of its remaining autumnal foliage. After consulting with Sorbus experts (Dr Tim Rich and Dr Ashley Robertson), it was identified as S. pseudomeinichii with Dr. Robertson confirming this as a new location for the taxa, rather than the rediscovery of one of the two previously known plants that had been lost.

More information will be published in during 2021 or you can read a blog about the discovery at https://globaltrees.org/news-blog/evolution-and-discovery-on-the-isle-of-arran/