

# *Walking with dinosaurs*

There's a chance to walk as the dinosaurs did in the National Botanic Garden this summer. Artist James Field's stunning dino-paintings are on show in the Courtyard Gallery from July 22-September 5 and will be accompanied by a special trail round the Garden's prehistoric plant collection.



But it is the dazzling dinosaur paintings that are the real stars of the show. James is very keen that his creations should be technically correct: "I've spent a lot of time talking to plant experts of the relevant period to be sure that the vegetation in my pictures is as it should be."

A big fan of the Pontyberem artist's work and the painstaking research to get things right is internationally recognized authority on dinosaurs, Dougal Dixon.

Says Dougal: "In this day of computer-generated imagery, where every dinosaur illustration seems to be made of pixels, it is so refreshing to see real dinosaur artists still at work and producing superior material.

"How often do we see dinosaurs actually in their context? What James Field has done is taken the dinosaurs out of their usual portrait presentation and put them in their landscape - showing how they lived, the climates and vegetation that provided their background, the plants that supplied the plant-eaters with their nourishment . . . in short, he has made living animals of them."

Illustrating professionally for 24 years, James Field has become well known for illustrating dinosaurs and Samurai as well as more general aspects of history and wildlife.

Always keen to create the correct atmosphere he researches fully to be technically accurate. He is comfortable working in many different media and in sizes from murals to miniatures.

The exhibition – *The James Field Guide to Dinosaurs* – runs from July 22 until September 5

\* James will be in the Gallery on Saturday July 24 from 2pm-4pm demonstrating his art and he will be happy to answer questions and chat to dinosaur devotees