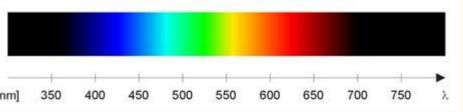
# Miyawaki Method at RSS

Designing a Pocket Forest

# Mi-Ya-Wa-Ki

Mi: 1 Meter Deep Mix:  • 10x10 meter plot min.  • 10m high in 10 yrs  • 10x more biodiversity	Wa: What about future:  O maintenance cost O commercial lock-in Oregon plants (Gretzki style)
<ul> <li>Ya: Y'all Participate:</li> <li>collect 300 saplings from 30 species</li> <li>plant 3/m.sq.</li> <li>water 3yrs</li> <li>protect lovingly 30 yrs (then pass on)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ki: Keep Track of Increasing Biodiversity:</li> <li>Sit Spots in the pocket forests</li> <li>iNaturalist citizen science app</li> <li>Merlin birdscape app</li> </ul>

# **Spectrum of Solutions:**



Natural Default: Rewild without much help (RNP, DND, Shady Is, Sturgeon Banks)

Miyawaki: Regenerate biodiversity with a deep initial boost by stakeholders (RSS)

CoR: Greenway, Terra Nova, GCL, Butterfly Meadow, Paulik Park, Garden City Park, 1st Bird Habitat

Food Forests: not yet in Richmond? (7-d perennial gardens, less dense, less indiginous than Miyawaki)

Native Pocket Forests: smaller than 100 meter square: stratas, private yards, unused corners (Minler)

Ornamental Pocket Forests: currently the majority: non-native, low-biodiversity (story of Minoru corner)

Potential Areas: Rooftops, Yards, CoR right-of-ways, Parks + Schools, Parking Spots, Balconies, Vertical Walls, Indoors

## Mapping with CoR GIS

- Mark out and Measure area
- Identify Utilities zones (GIS not very precise)
- Check with Fortis and BCHydro maps
- 900 meters square available; -200 for circle, -10 for utility box
- Not allowed to dig down ... no need for excavator
- Allowed to build up (hugelkultur style);
- need truckloads of soil + compost (CoR might supply some)

## Species to Plant

- Local Native Species List (way easier than in Japan or Europe)
- Local Native Species Wholesale Suppliers
- Appropriate Propagation Techniques
- Appropriate replanting times

## Tools

- iNaturalist \*\*\*
- Merlin app
- Propagation Sandboxes \*\*\*
- Richmond Miyawaki AirTable
- City of Richmond GIS

## Vandalism Reduction

- Vandalism Reduction strategies
- Garbage Collection (garbage attracts more garbage)
- Natural Fencing: live willows, wattles

## **KBA**

- Major Migratory bird flyway station
- Official Bird Habitat
- Planetary Biodiversity Protection Classification System

# Sit Spots

- Particularly along utility trenches
- Memorial Benches to increase respect
- Biodiversity stations: Citizen Science data collection

#### Random Other Items

- Use SUGI for fundraising
- Put up birdhouses in the pocket forests, incl tall ones for raptors
- Snags: (import from London Landing?)
  - Excellent indicator of potential biodiversity:
  - Leave dead native trees standing
  - Leave fallen native trees on ground