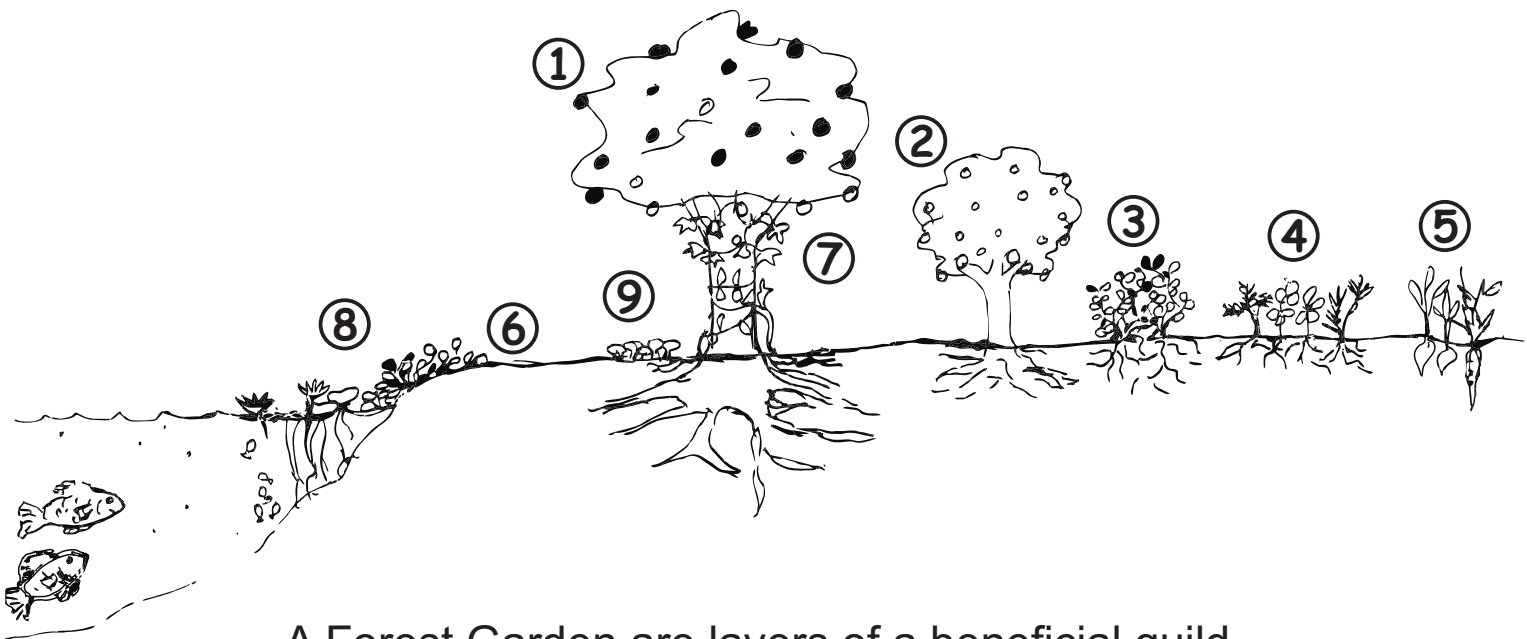


# Food Forest

## Layers

- 1: Canopy (large fruit & nut trees)
- 2: Low tree layer, under-story (smaller fruit trees)
- 3: Shrub layer (currants & berries)
- 4: Herbaceous (comfrey, beets, herbs)
- 5: Rhizophere ( root vegetables)
- 6: Soil surface (ground covers, strawberries, etc..)
- 7: Vertical layer (climbing vines, passion fruit, beans, etc...)
- 8: Aquatic-Wetland layer (watercress, chestnut etc...)
- 9: Mycelia-Fungal layer (can be introduced with mushrooms)



A Forest Garden are layers of a beneficial guild  
of self sustaining capability

Unlike many contemporary cultivated gardens, nature does not neatly compartmentalise her landscapes with ornamentals growing in one place, vegetables in another and fruit trees in yet a third location. In bushland, several plants such as standard and half standard trees, shrubs, climbers and ground cover occupy the same space, each `stacked` to find it's own requirements within it's particular `level` in the system. The forest garden is an attempt to replicate this `layering`, replacing the wild plants of the bushland with fruits, herbs, vegetables and other plants that are useful to humans and other living species.

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