Huang–Power of GEDI: Tools to Map Habitat Heterogeneity & Biodiversity
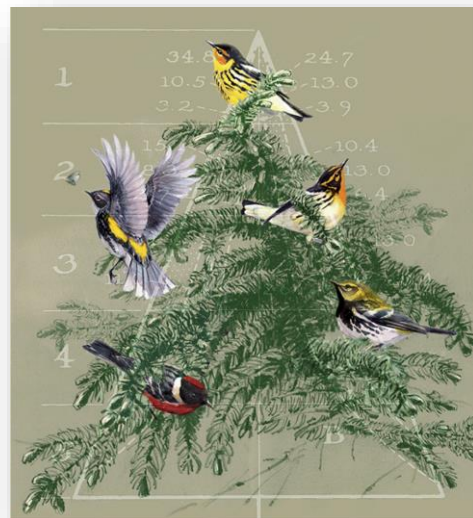
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Background

- Vegetation's three-dimensional (3-D) structure is a key predictor of biodiversity.

- The availability of GEDI data provides an opportunity to evaluate the importance of habitat vertical structure on biodiversity at broad scales.

2020 New Investigator in Earth Science Program Project Research Objectives:

*1. **Model** avian richness in Western Hemisphere (BBS & eBird datasets).*

*2. **Produce** novel habitat heterogeneity products with global coverage.*

*3. **Examine** model efficacies in explaining global bird, amphibian, and mammal richness with and without the novel heterogeneity metrics.*

Vertical Canopy Profile (VCP) of Transect