

**Table S1.** Properties of biochar used in study. Average values are given  $\pm$ SD for triplicate measurements where available. Full details on methods used are given in prior studies by Sifton et al. [21] and Liao et al. [45].

Property (units)	Value
Feedstock species	Spruce ( <i>Picea</i> sp.), pine ( <i>Pinus</i> sp.), fir ( <i>Abies</i> sp.)
Pyrolysis temperature (°C)	625
Pyrolysis process	Continuous slow pyrolysis
Particle size (mm)	<0.042
Ash (%)	10.58 $\pm$ 1.25
Bulk density (g cm <sup>-3</sup> )	0.158
pH	7.88 $\pm$ 0.03
Electrical conductivity ( $\mu$ S cm <sup>-1</sup> )	86.07 $\pm$ 1.63
C (%)	82.40 $\pm$ 0.35
N (%)	0.30 $\pm$ 0.00
P (%)	0.013 $\pm$ 0.001
K (%)	0.200 $\pm$ 0.020
Ca (%)	1.083 $\pm$ 0.153
Mg (%)	0.243 $\pm$ 0.064
Na (%)	0.101 $\pm$ 0.027
Cu (%)	0.002 $\pm$ 0.000
Fe (%)	0.587 $\pm$ 0.168
Mn (%)	0.064 $\pm$ 0.019
Mo (%)	0.0004 $\pm$ 0.0001
Zn (%)	0.005 $\pm$ 0.001
Moisture content (%)	3.09 $\pm$ 0.06
Volatile matter (%)	41.59 $\pm$ 0.80
Fixed carbon (%)	44.74 $\pm$ 1.14
Initial contact angle (°)	60.23 $\pm$ 0.26