

CALIFORNIA STATE SCIENCE FAIR 2017 PROJECT SUMMARY

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Project Title

The Effect of Fertilizer on Java Moss Growth

Abstract

Objectives/Goals

My goal was to discover which of the chosen fertilizers had the largest effect on java moss.

Methods/Materials

To do this, I grew 12 strands of java moss using different kinds of fertilizer. They were grown in a box with a grow light and heating pad.

Results

The java moss that grew the most was surprisingly the one without fertilizer. Fish Emulsion grew the next best, followed by Soul Grow and finally Miracle Gro, proving my hypothesis wrong.

Conclusions/Discussion

Something I learned from this project was that the healthier moss you grow, the less algae grows, bringing a healthier environment. I observed this during the growth of the Java Moss, and it was not part of my experiment.

Summary Statement

I tested different fertilizers on a plant called Java Moss.

Help Received

My dad helped me assemble the grow light and heating pad into the box.