## Are plants and fungi conscious?

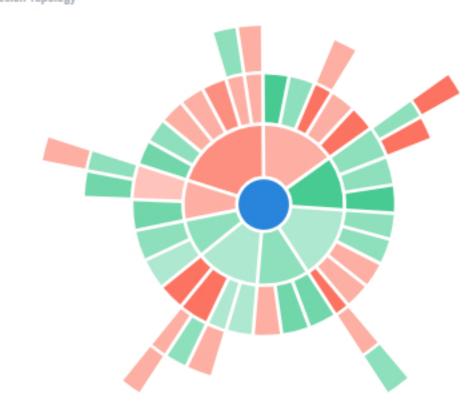
## Background

Consciousness is <u>a</u> <u>difficult to define</u> and heavily debated. (View these links to see how it is defined: <u>a</u> <u>1</u>, <u>a</u> <u>2</u>, <u>a</u> <u>3</u>, <u>a</u> <u>4</u>, and <u>a</u> <u>5</u>.) Most of these show that being conscious involves, being aware of one's environment and existence, having an awake state, and making intentional decisions. It's apparent that humans and animals have a level of consciousness (research is getting ever closer towards finding its <u>a</u> <u>physical presence</u>), but what about plants and fungi?

The majority consensus believes that organisms like plants and fungi do not exhibit consciousness. However, emerging research housed within this discussion is starting to reveal a bigger picture with a deeper story on plant and fungi consciousness. Since much of the evidence of plant/fungi consciousness is either microscopic or underground, it can show consciousness that is not visible upfront.

This discussion talks about this research, along with the pros/cons about the factual validity towards proving plant/fungi consciousness.

Discussion Topology



Tags

Evolution Science Life Psychology

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	nimchimpsky	8	63	0
	Phyg	3	11	9
L	Lokkeren	1	5	0
P	philwebster	1	1	6
5	SamDiellorLuani	0	2	0
	Matjabeng	0	2	0
	abby42	0	1	0
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	MaximusMaximillian	0	1	0
	Armoreska	0	0	34
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