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- 8d ago Matjabeng (8)

Plants and fungi are conscious.

SUGGESTED PRO

Look at the venus flytrap for example. It's alive
 - 8d ago Matjabeng (8)

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SUGGESTED CON

No one knows for sure and has never said yes, so it's unlikely to be that way (i.e. plants/fungi being conscious).
 - 1mo ago MaximusMaximilian (3)

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They are not conscious in the way that this idea implies. There are different levels of consciousness. Many plants and fungi would compose the most basic level of known consciousness. Since evidence shows that plants and fungi often react to an array of stimuli from their environments and typically consciously attempt to position themselves in the best ways to survive. This shows signs of self-awareness. Although they don't possess human-level consciousness, they do boast of a basic form of it
 - 1mo ago nimchimpsy (455)

[Sedation](#) is considered a part of consciousness. Plants seem to [exhibit](#) it similarly to humans/animals.

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A study finds that plants [respond](#) to their environment in ways that are "intelligent".
 - 1mo ago nimchimpsy (455)

Signaling stress may be a biological response rather than an indication of consciousness.

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Neurochemical responses can [correlate](#) with conscious experience in humans. However, this does not necessarily mean that their existence is an indicator for conscious experience in plants.
 - 1mo ago nimchimpsy (455)

Plants can be [sedated](#). Sedation involves [inhibiting glutamate](#), which [acts](#) in plants like a neurotransmitter (so inhibition of it would have an effect).

SUGGESTED CON

There is no evidence to suggest that alcohol, a popular [sedative](#), has sedating impact on plants.
 - 1mo ago nimchimpsy (455)

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One [objection against panpsychism](#) is that the organisms which usually undergo conscious experiences have a rich physical structure underlying the experience. The complex visual system in humans, for instance, is the basis for our visual experience. Plants have no such physical structures corresponding to their alleged conscious experience.
 - 11mo ago SamDellorLuani (4)

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I believe that my claim should be added to the pros in this discussion. Please read the claim here: [Is the universe self-aware?](#)
 - 1y ago Lokkeren (6)

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I am sure I am conscious, and I don't know anything, about what I could be sure that it is not conscious. Therefore the simplest ([Occam's razor](#)) conclusion is ...
 - 1y ago Lokkeren (6)

Consciousness is clearly defined as: "a state of alertness or awareness characterized by response to external stimuli." ([1](#)). Because it's clearly defined, we can apply it to plants and fungi. Based on this definition, plants and fungi are conscious.

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There are more different definitions of the word 'consciousness' and more meanings of this word.

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