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The Effect of Nitrogenous fertilizers on growth in seedlings of Ziziphus spinachristi (Linn) Ziziphus mauritiana (Lam)

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Abstract

The paper reports the effect of nitrogenous fertilizers (NPK, Urea, Cowdung) and their quantities (10g, 20g, 30g/plant) on growth and development of seedlings of *Zizyphus spinachristii* (Linn) and Z. *mauritania* (Lam). In both species, morphological parameters were significantly influenced by type of fertilizer. Cowdung manure produced high quality seedlings. Highest values of leaf dry weights for Z. *spinachristii* (34cm^2 5.5 I g/pl ant) and *Zmauritania* (86cm^2 , 13g/plant) respectively were obtained when raised using 20g of cowdung. In Z. *spinachristii,* maximum leaf area values from NPK and Urea (28cm2, 29cm^2) amounted to 82% of values obtained from cowdung. In Z. *mauritania,* highest foliar concentrations of nitrogen, calcium and potassium were recorded in seedlings supplied with 109 of NPK fertilizer. A similar trend was obtained in seedlings of Z. *spinachristii* supplied with 30g of NPK fertilizer. Irrespective of type of fertilizer, better morphological responses were recorded in seedlings of Z. *mauritania.*

Keywords

Nitrogenous fertilizers, Growth, Seedling