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Evaluation of sapota cultivars for growth characters

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ABSTRACT : An investigation was carried out at the Department of Horticulture, Faculty of Agriculture, Annamalai University during 2014-2015 to evaluate the performance of eight sapota cultivars, *viz.*, PKM 1, Virudhunagar, Kirthibarathi Round, Cricket Ball, CO 2, Pala, Oval and Kirthibarathi Oval was studied in two seasons *viz.*, February to April (peak season I) and July to September (peak season II). The experiment was laid out in Randomized Block Design (RBD) in three replications. The *per se* performance of the cultivar Cricket ball excelled the other cultivars upon evaluating for growth characters like tree height, tree circumference, shoot length, shoot girth, number of leaves per shoot, leaf length and leaf breadth followed by CO 2 and Virudhunagar.

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