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Growth and grainage parameters of Eri silkworm, *Samia cynthia ricini* Boisduval (Lepidoptera : Saturniidae) as influenced by new hosts

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ABSTRACT

Studies were conducted on the growth and grainage parameters of Eri silkworm, *Samia cynthia ricini* boisduval on castor. There are several host tree plants included namely Fountain tree, banyan tree, Indian almond and carrot leaves. But only new host carrot leaves were next best host after standard check. Shortest life cycle was recorded during November-December (51.10 days). The interaction effect did not show any significant differences between host plants and the seasons

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