

# good practices for taking common garden videos



I could go through a laundry list of do's and don'ts, but let's just take a look at some screenshots from some of the videos.

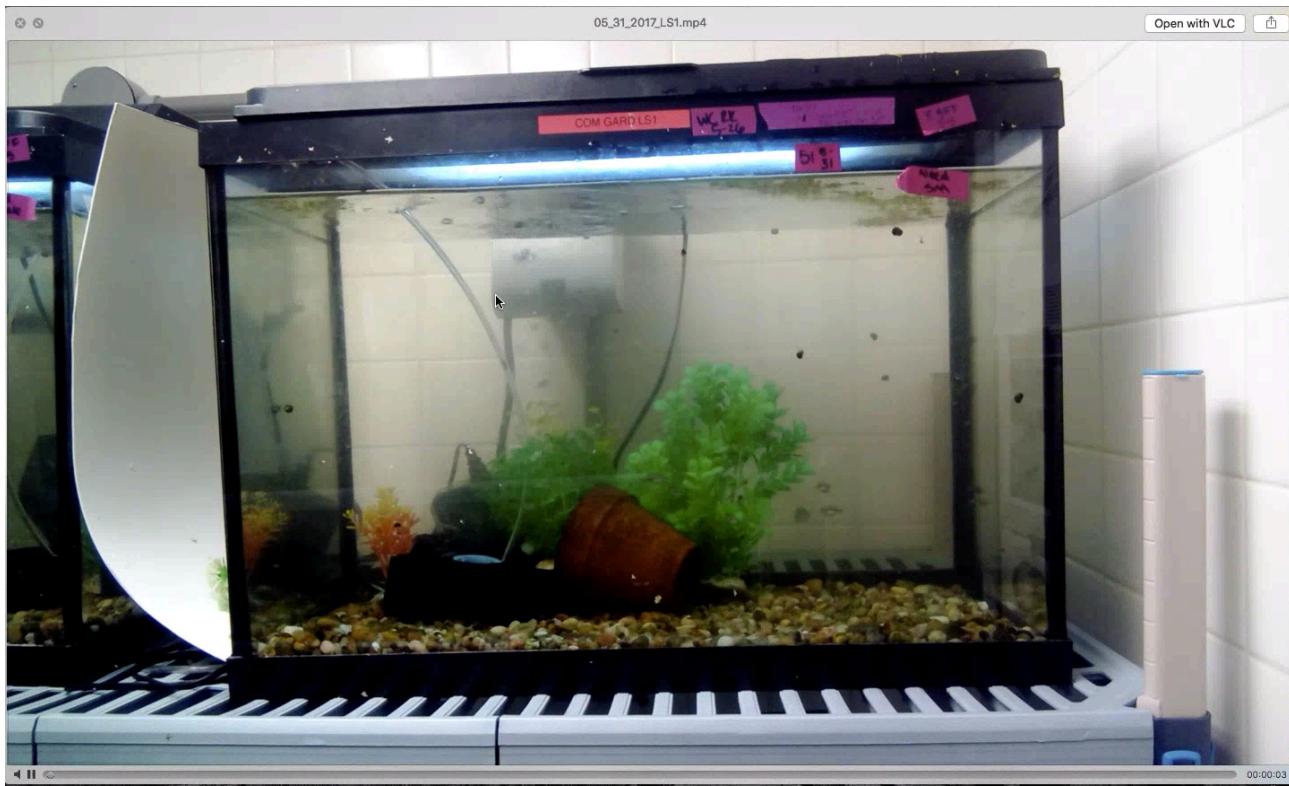
## video 1



Woah! No good! 🤢 More specifically, what's wrong with this video?

- the light is off. It's hard to see what's going on in the tank with the light off.
- taken at an angle. Note all the space to the right of the tank. The goal should be to fill the screen as much as possible with the tank. Taking the video at an angle and also leads to more reflections and makes it more difficult for the scorer to tell the difference between the fish and a reflection of the fish.

## video 2



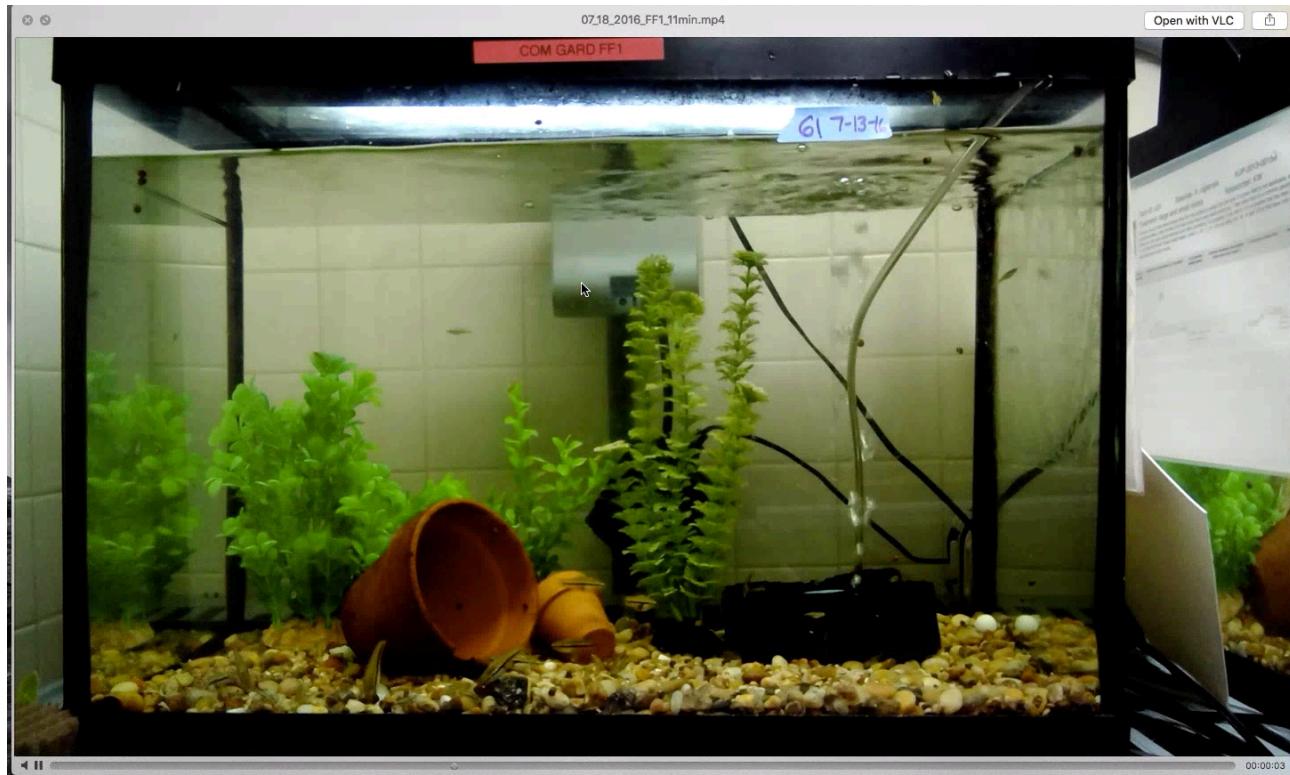
This video is OK. The light is on this time and the camera is level with the tank. But the camera is also very far away from the tank, making it difficult to see the fish.

### video 3



This video is very clear, but is taken at a slight angle. The tape showing the tank ID is also cut off, making it hard for Luke to determine which tank this is.

## video 4



Though this video is a bit hard, the camera is on the same plane as the tank, the tank fills the y-axis of the video, and the fish are clearly visible. Well done! 100

## video 5



This isn't a great video because the camera was raised up high enough. Only ~2/3 of the y-axis is showing the tank.

## video 6



The camera isn't close enough to the tank and it's taken at a very slight angle.

**Remember as you're taking videos that someone else is going to be looking closely 🧐 at the videos attempting to score very nuanced behaviors and count individual fish.**