**Egghead**

Play Tests

*August 8, 2018*

Playtester: Cody

* First Impressions
  + The egg on the cover should be re-done, it’s not smooth
  + We should add more references to UIMNH
  + We need to write out an instruction sheet/card
  + Eggs with set marks aren’t as good
  + Some nests may be unidentifiable as nests
  + Grebe nest needs to be replaced
  + The best pictures include birds/nests in their habitats

*August 9, 2018*

Playtester: Jonah Alderson (Undergrad, birder)

Time: 13 minutes

* Observations
  + Started by laying out 10 of each type of card
  + Started with M/F matching
  + **20 is too many species for 1 person (problems with space)**
  + The eggs really need scale bars
  + Had all parents matched in 4 minutes
  + Set aside made pairs
  + **Almost entirely used patterns to match N/E**
  + Also used the numbers at the bottom (which we’ll eliminate later)
  + **The pattern for barn swallow doesn’t work**
  + Maybe next time I’ll playtest a “fast as possible” scenario.
  + At the end – went through stacks of nests and eggs 1-by-1 matching them to M/F pairs.
* After-play conversation
  + **Too many cards**
  + Would work well as a digital game
  + **The most visual part is comparing M/F, the rest is guessing or associating patterns**
  + **Eyes are immediately drawn to the pictures of birds, the nests and eggs are easier to ignore**
  + Needs more meticulous instruction
  + The patterns worked well
  + **If Jonah were a teacher, he would make it a group game**
    - Ask kids what card they have and why they picked it
  + Older kids would be better at intuiting bird -> nest -> egg
  + **He tried to play quick, not learn**
  + He sort of learned a few things (it raised questions, rather than giving him answers)
  + Maybe we should replace the info on the back with a number, which corresponds to a key
  + Replace mirror-image M/F pairs with 2 images
  + Operates best as a classroom teaching tool
  + **Could be easily re-made for butterflies (M/F, caterpillar, chrysalis)**
  + **Possibly switch to hyper-local birds**
    - **Kids are very unlikely to see a murre or a Laysan albatross**