**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**