

Missouri Mushroom Identification Key



Identify a mushroom species through a series of questions

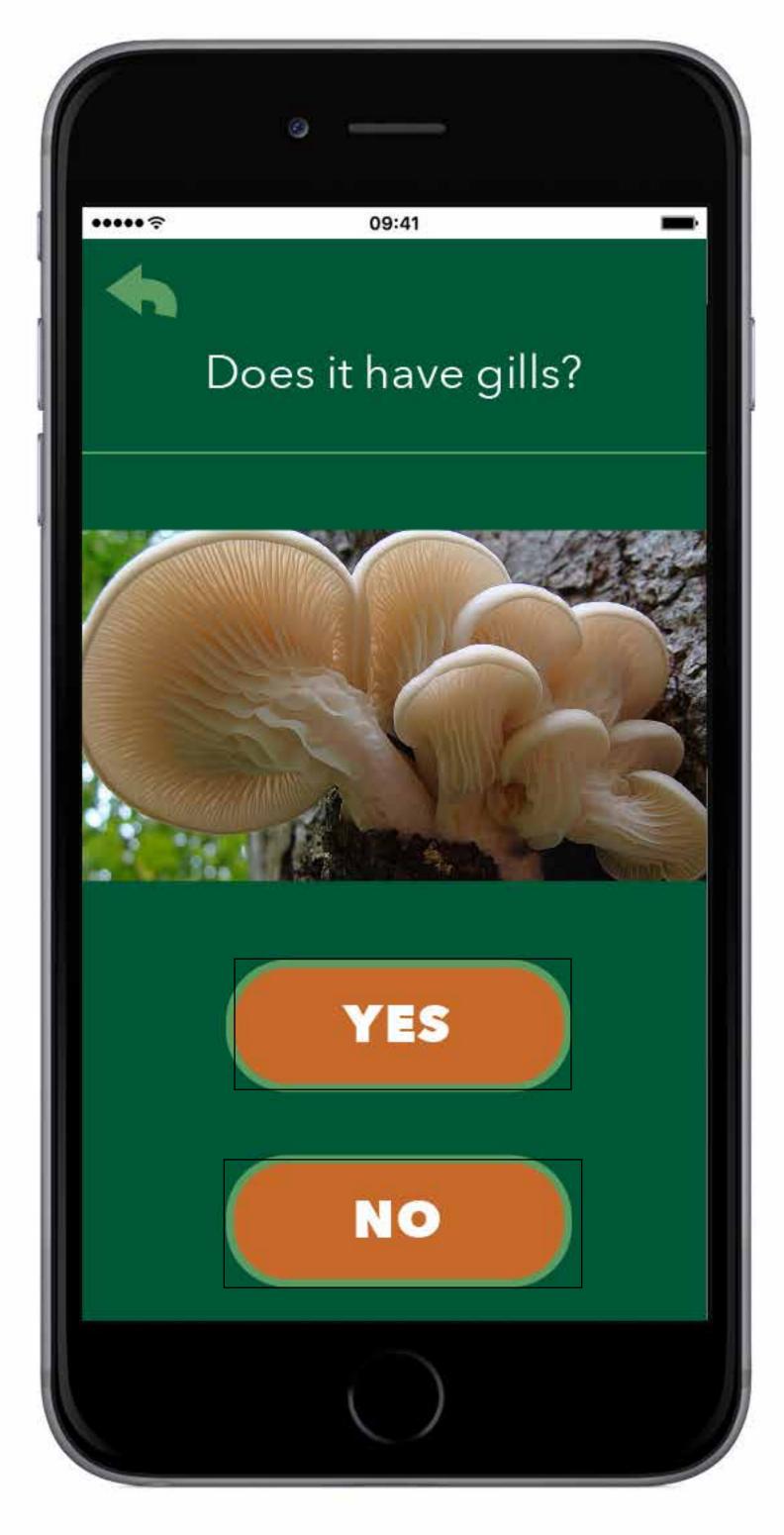
START



Is it growing on another mushroom?



YES





Is it growing "shelf-like" on wood?



YES

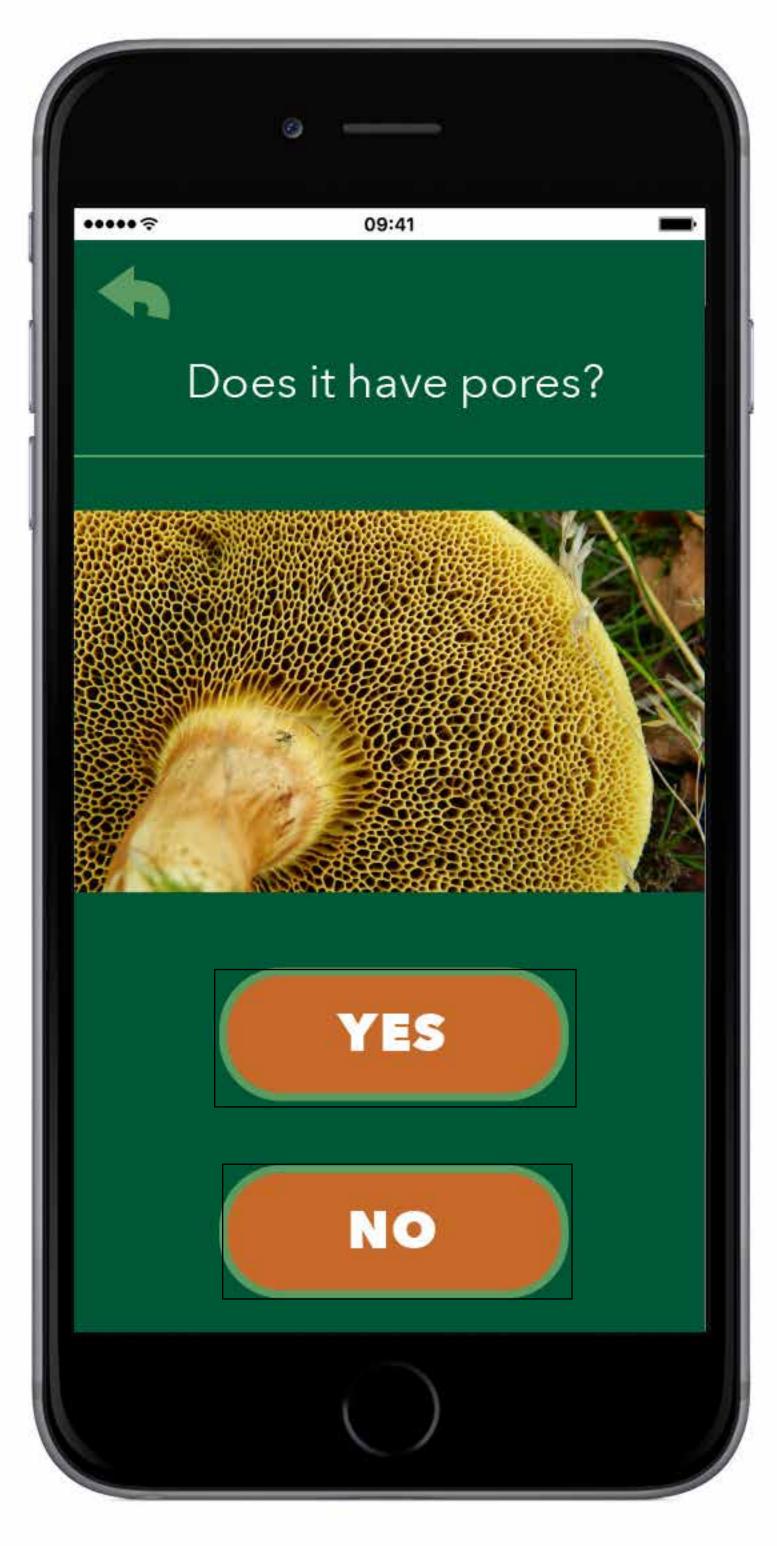
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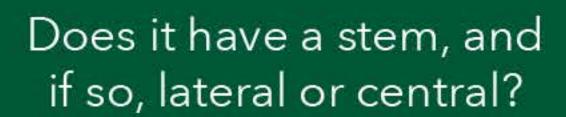
Are gills running down the stem and not easily removed?



YES



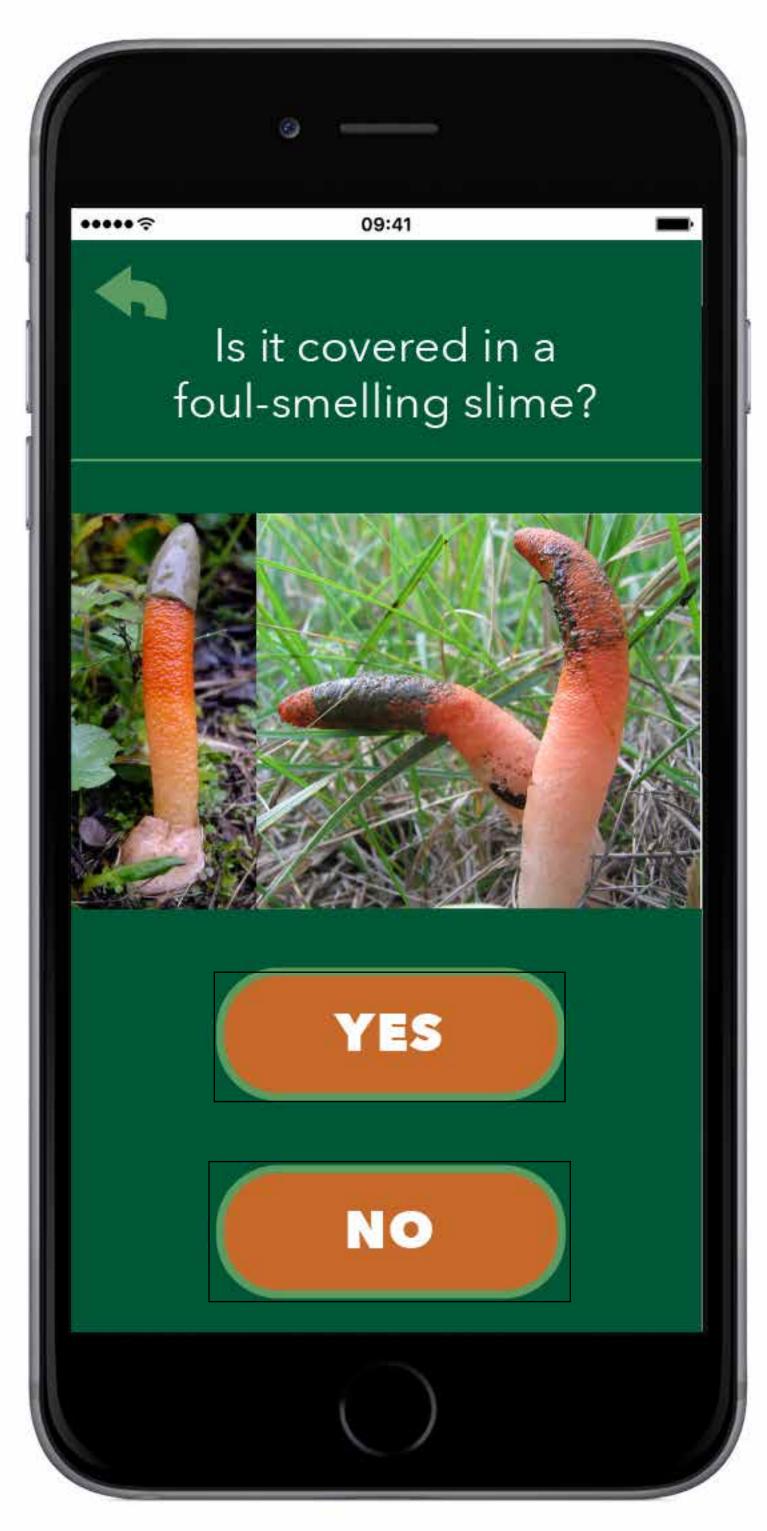


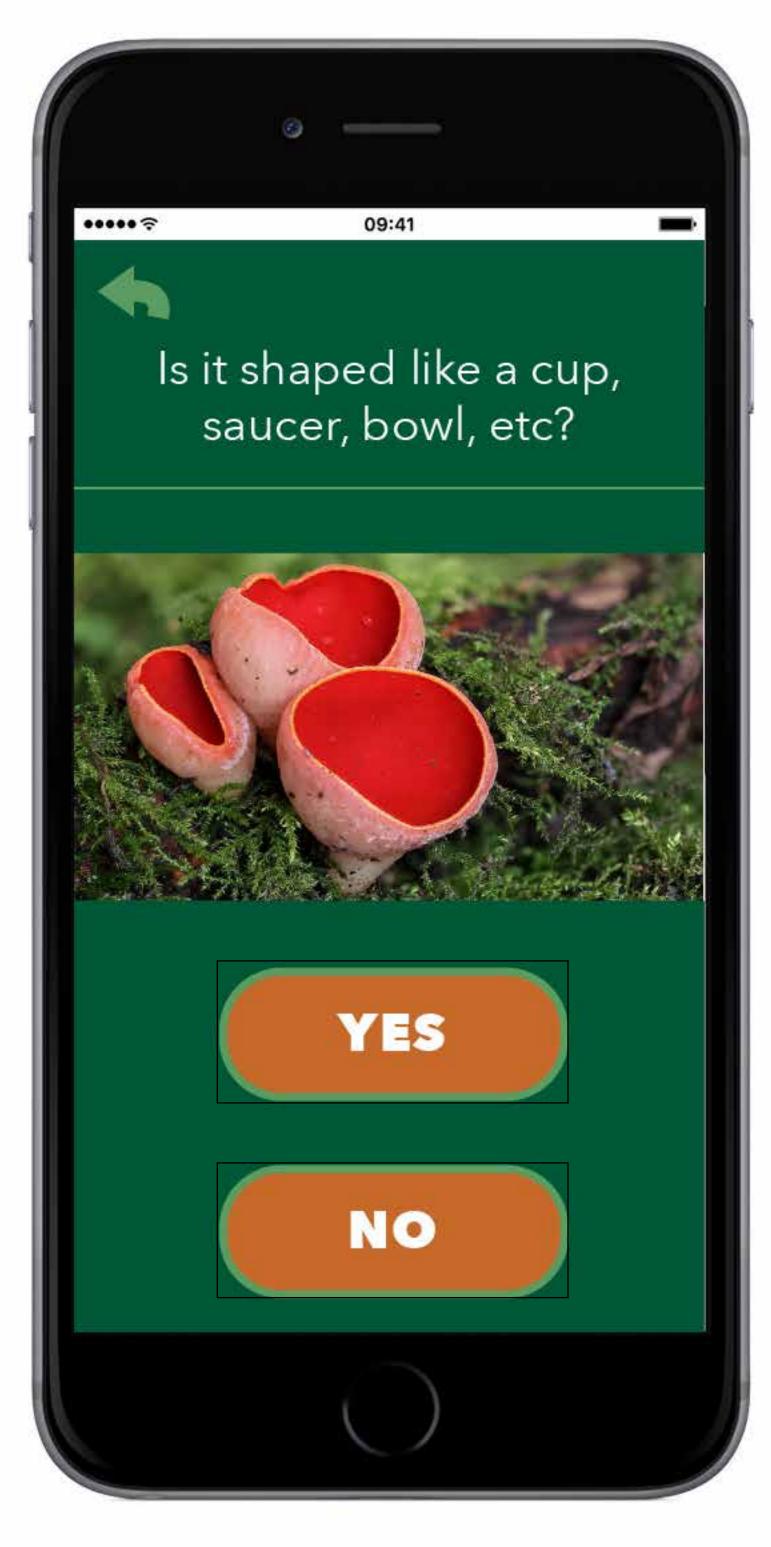


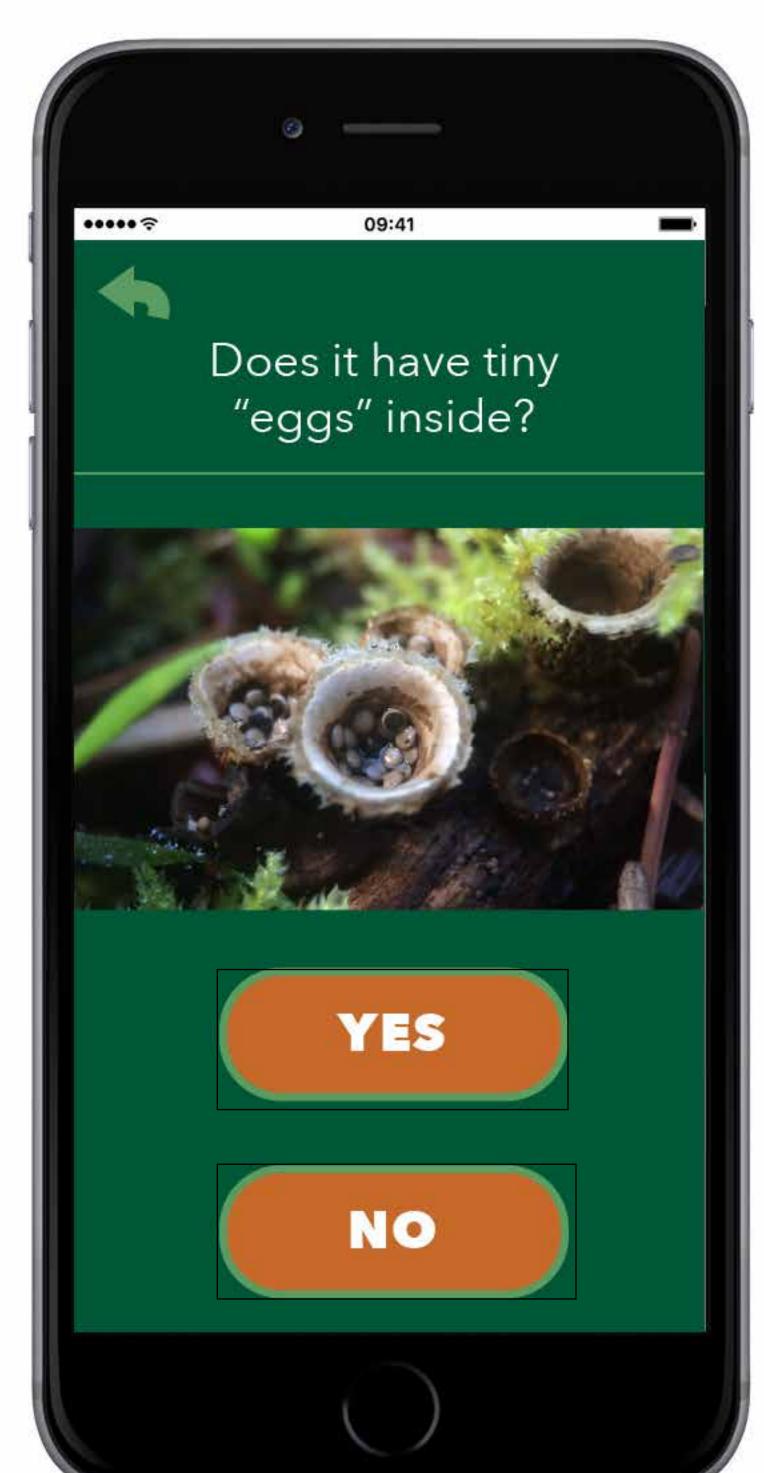


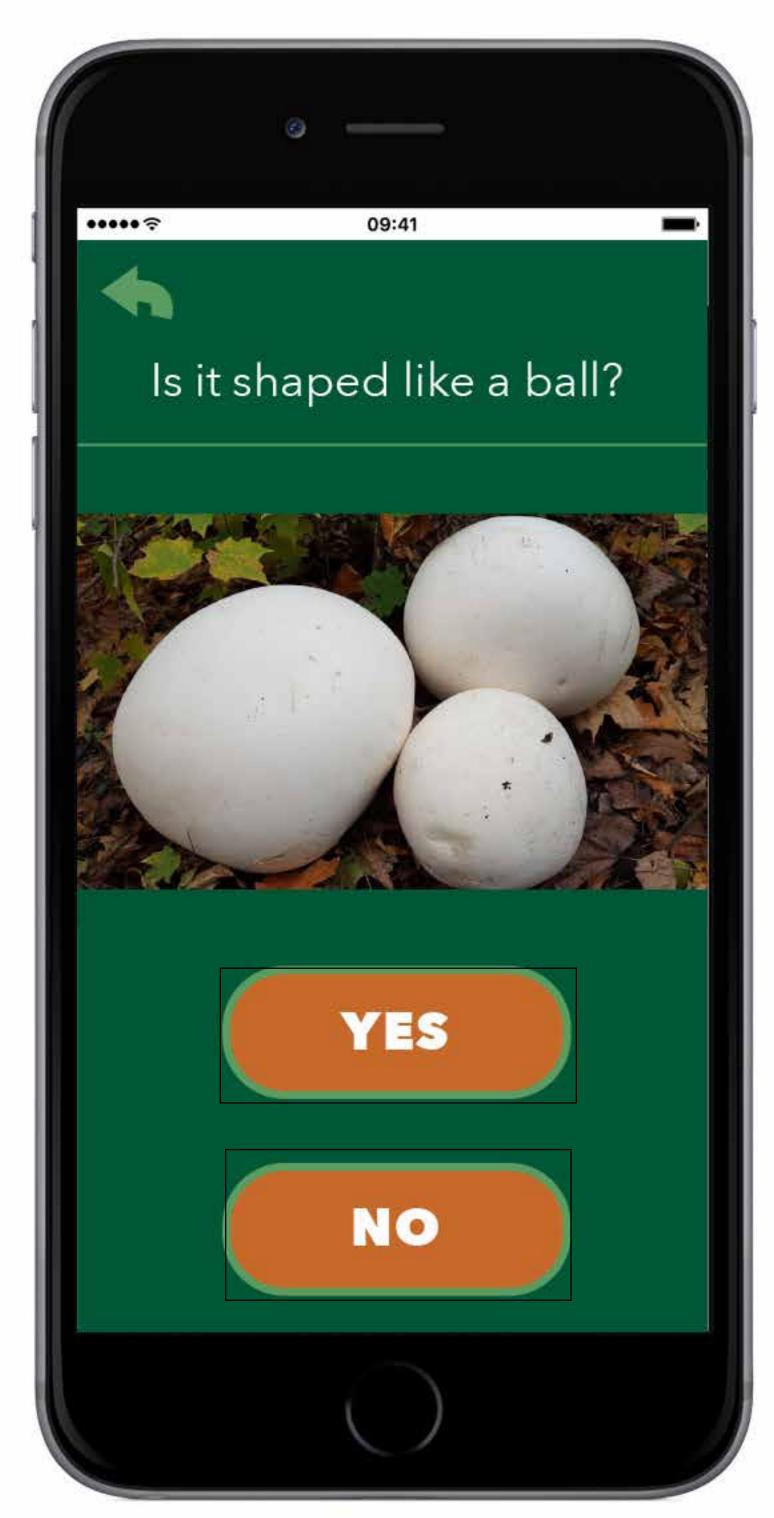
YES/CENTRAL

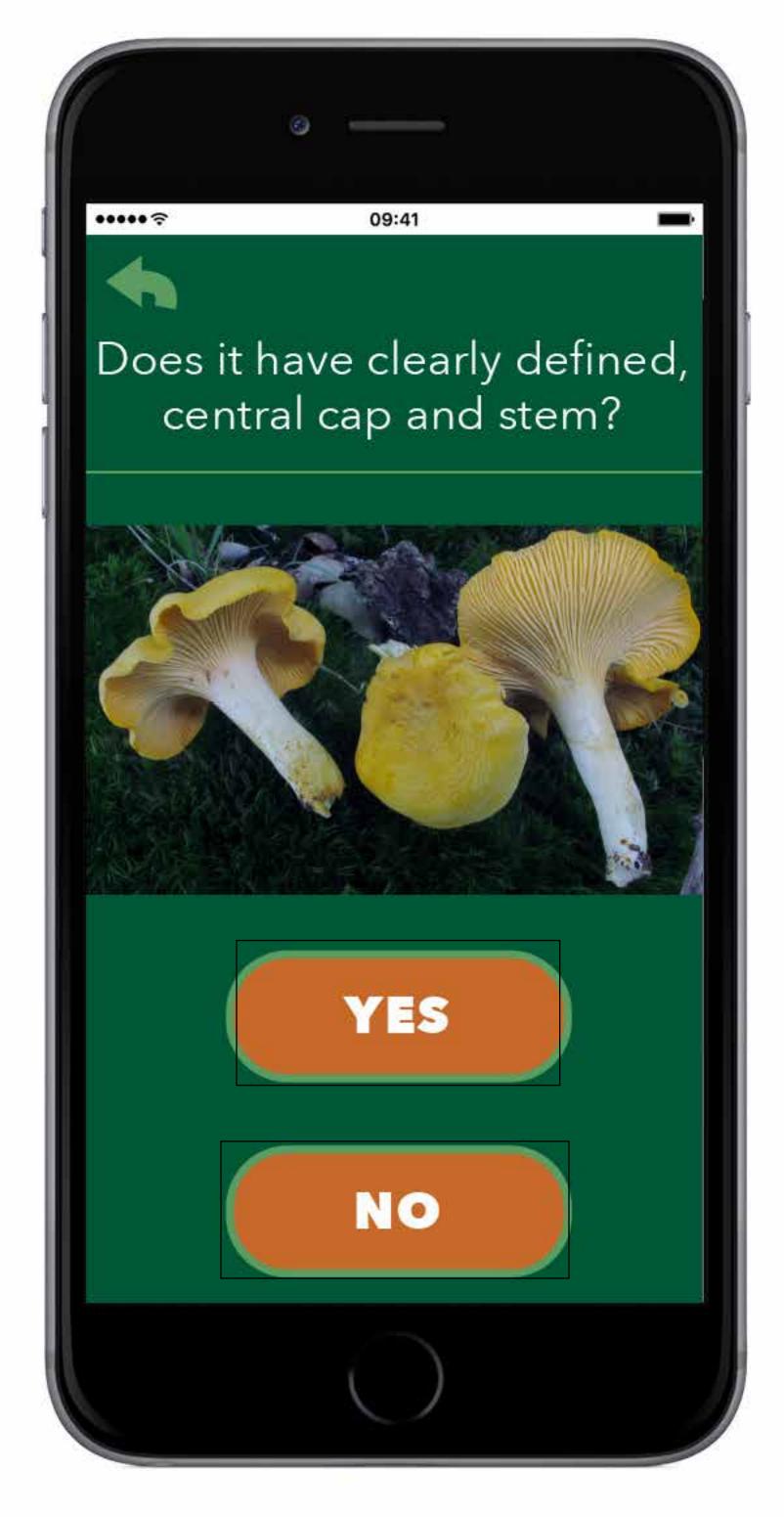
NO/LATERAL

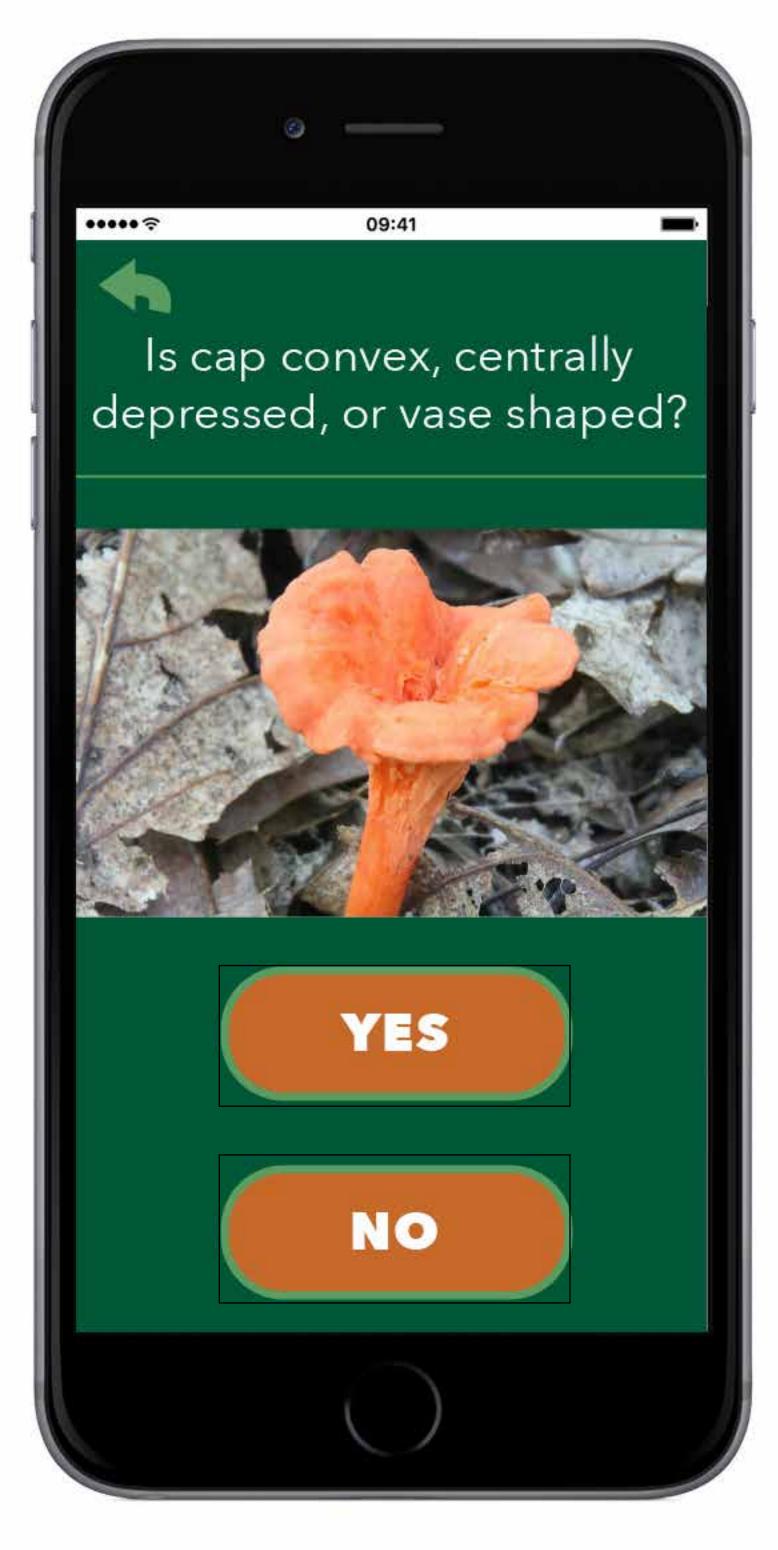


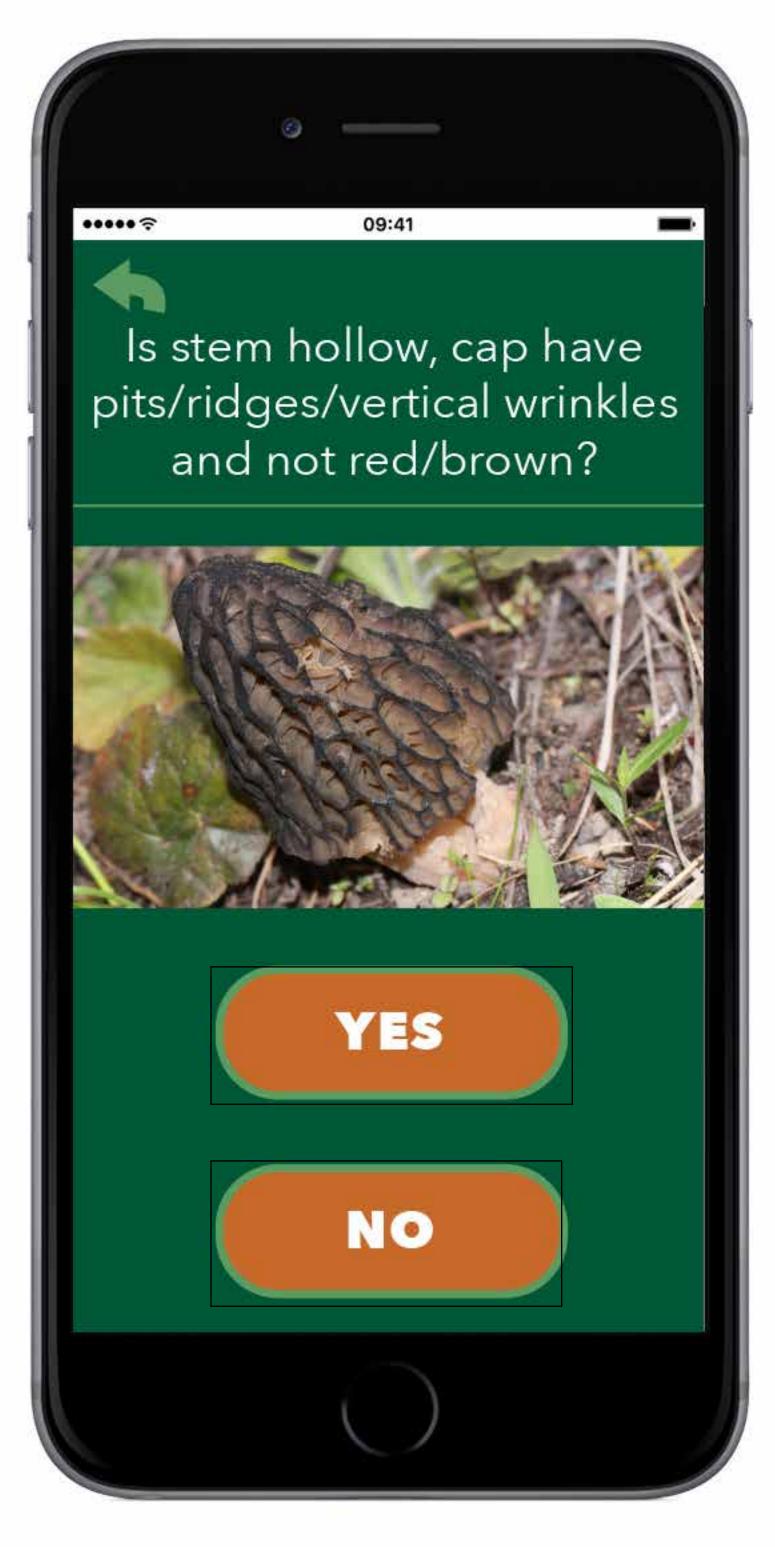


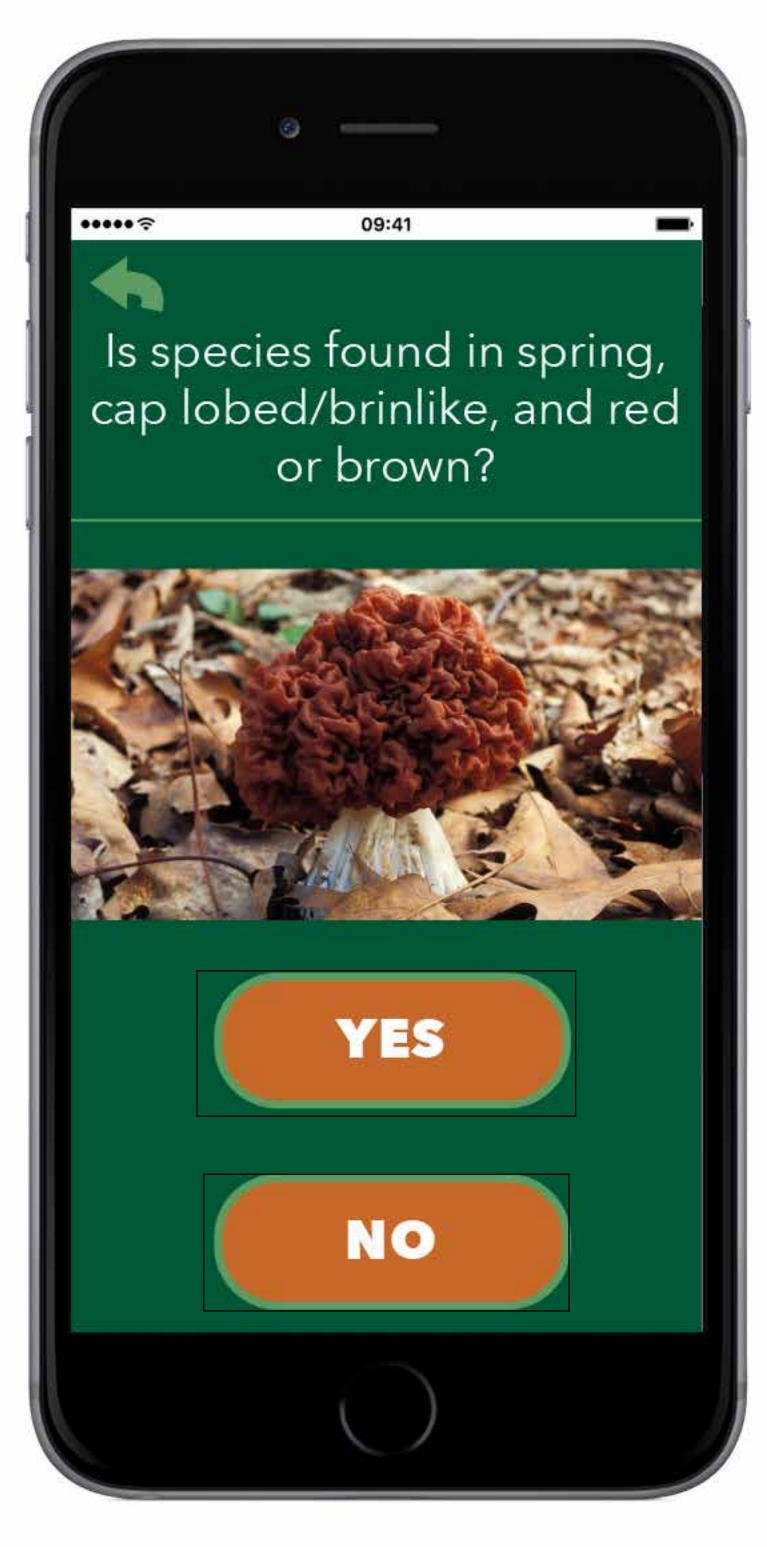


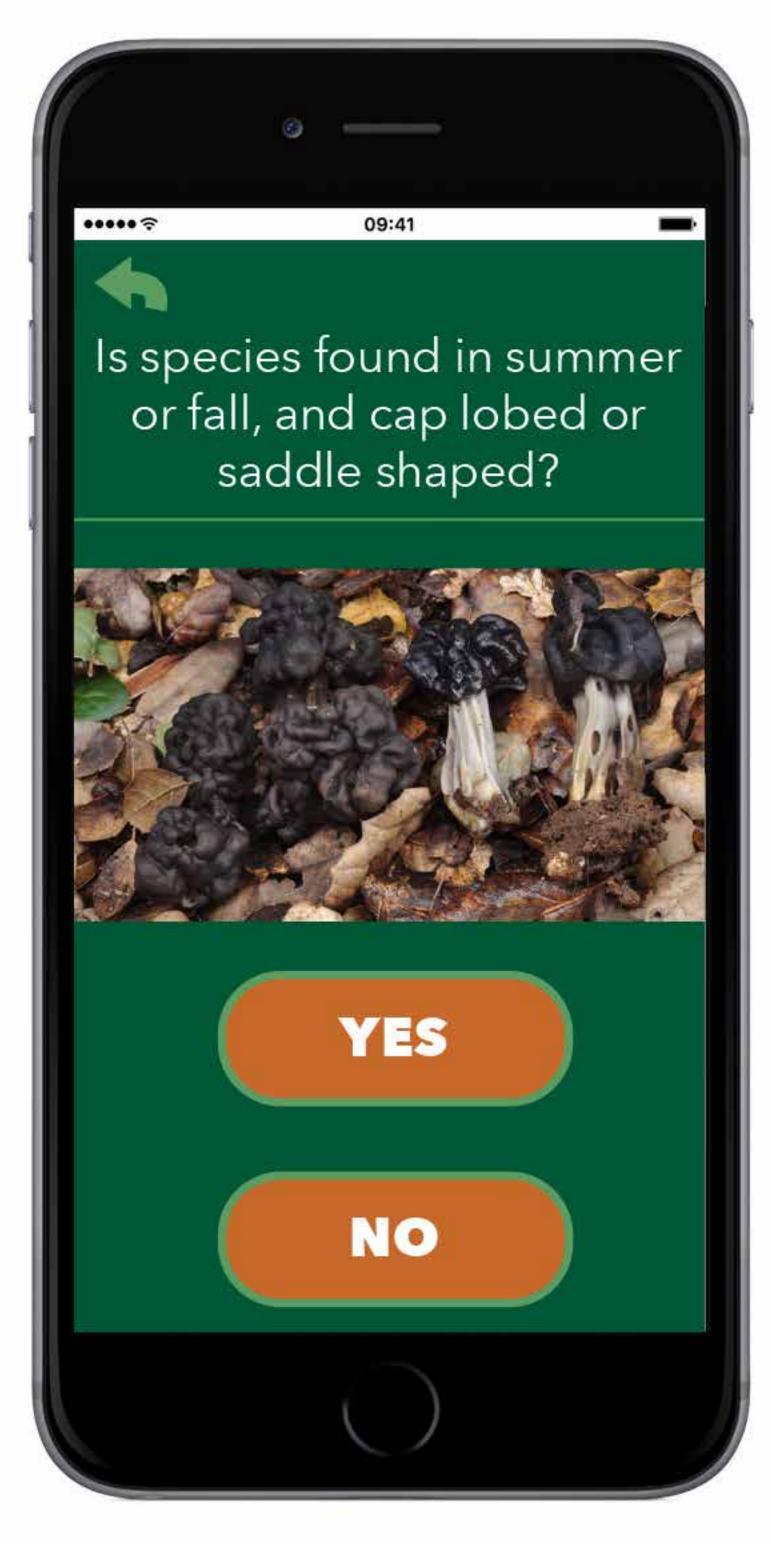










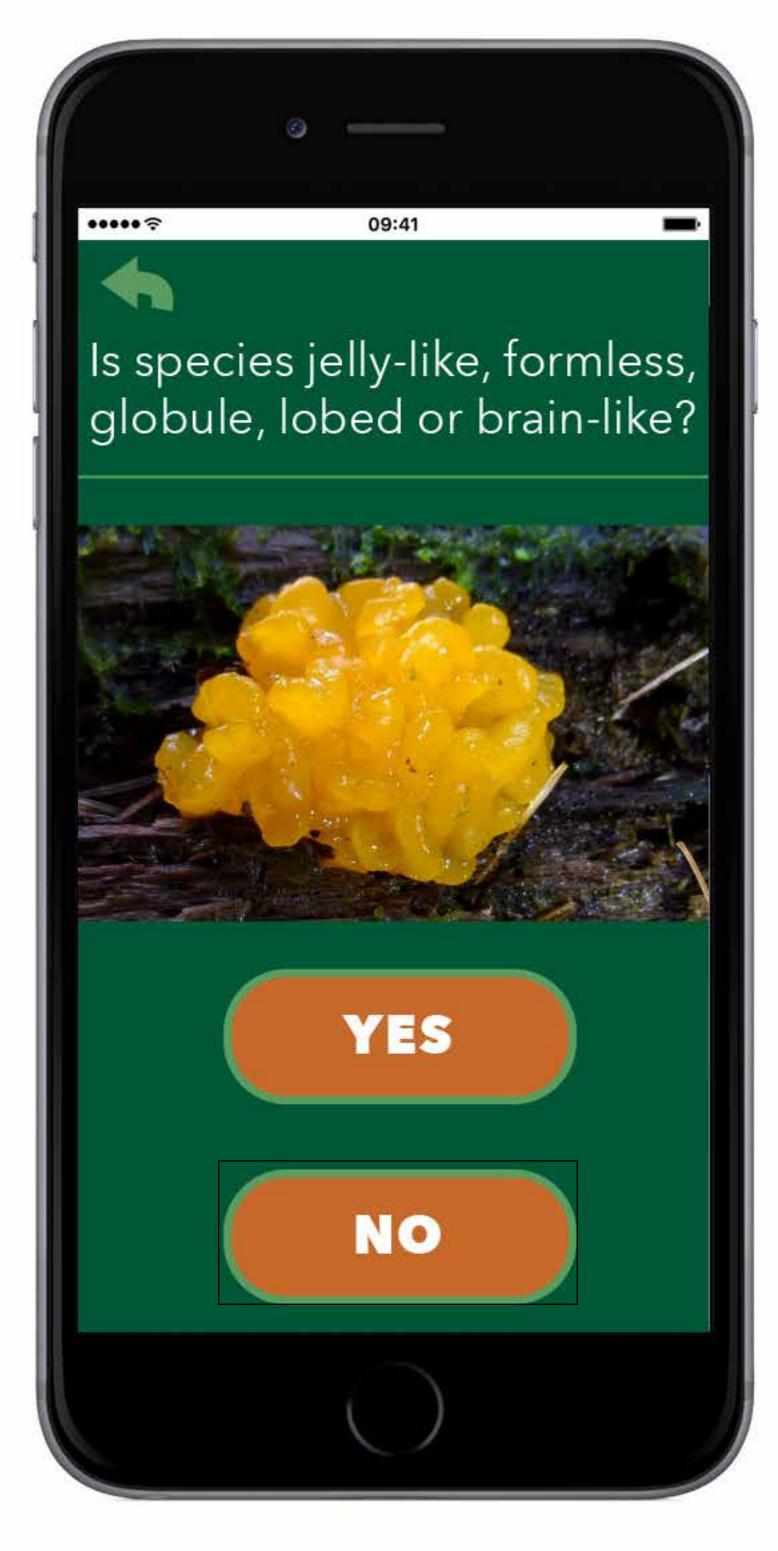


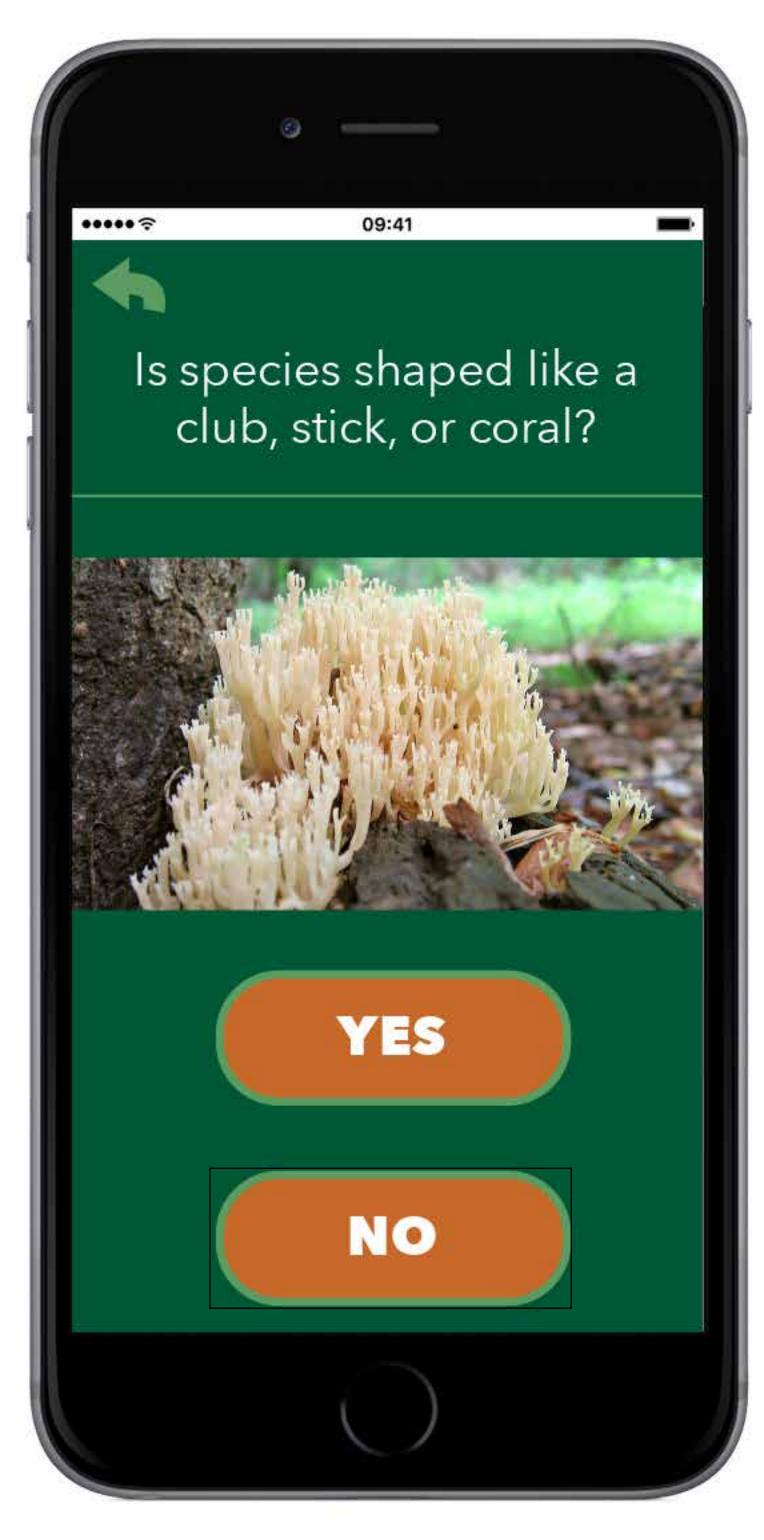


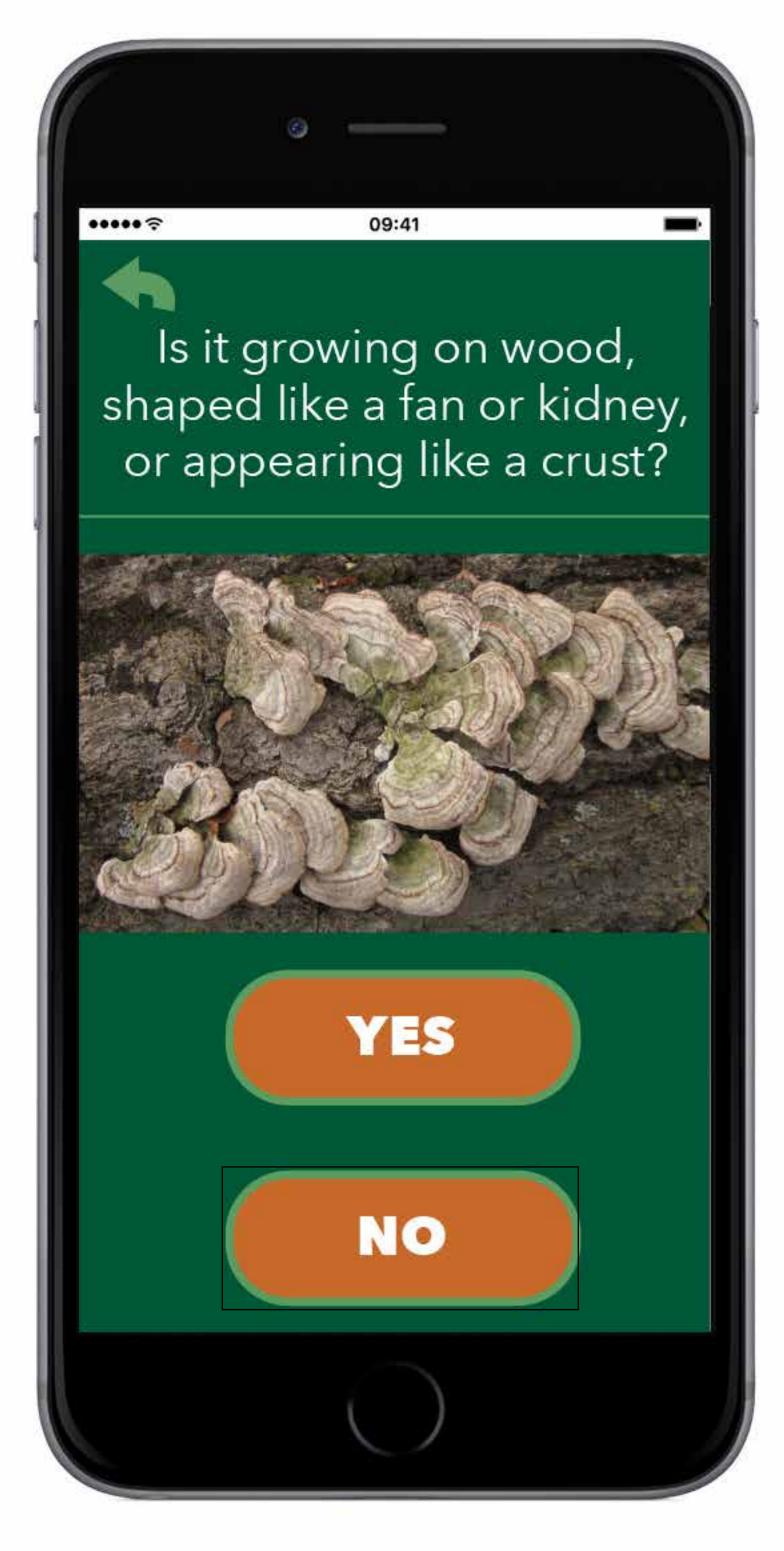
Is species vase-shaped, with scales on cap, or multiple caps on one stem?

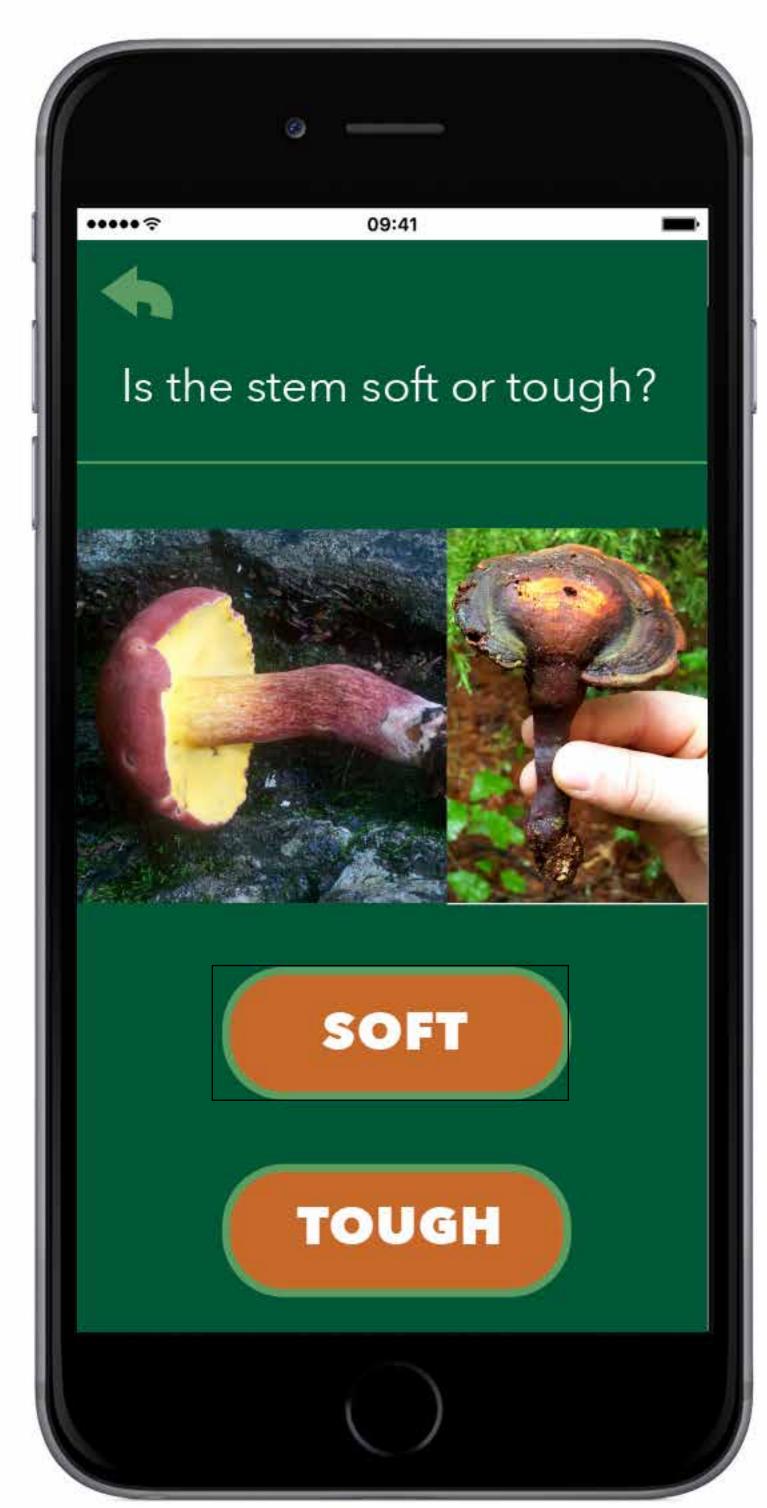


YES







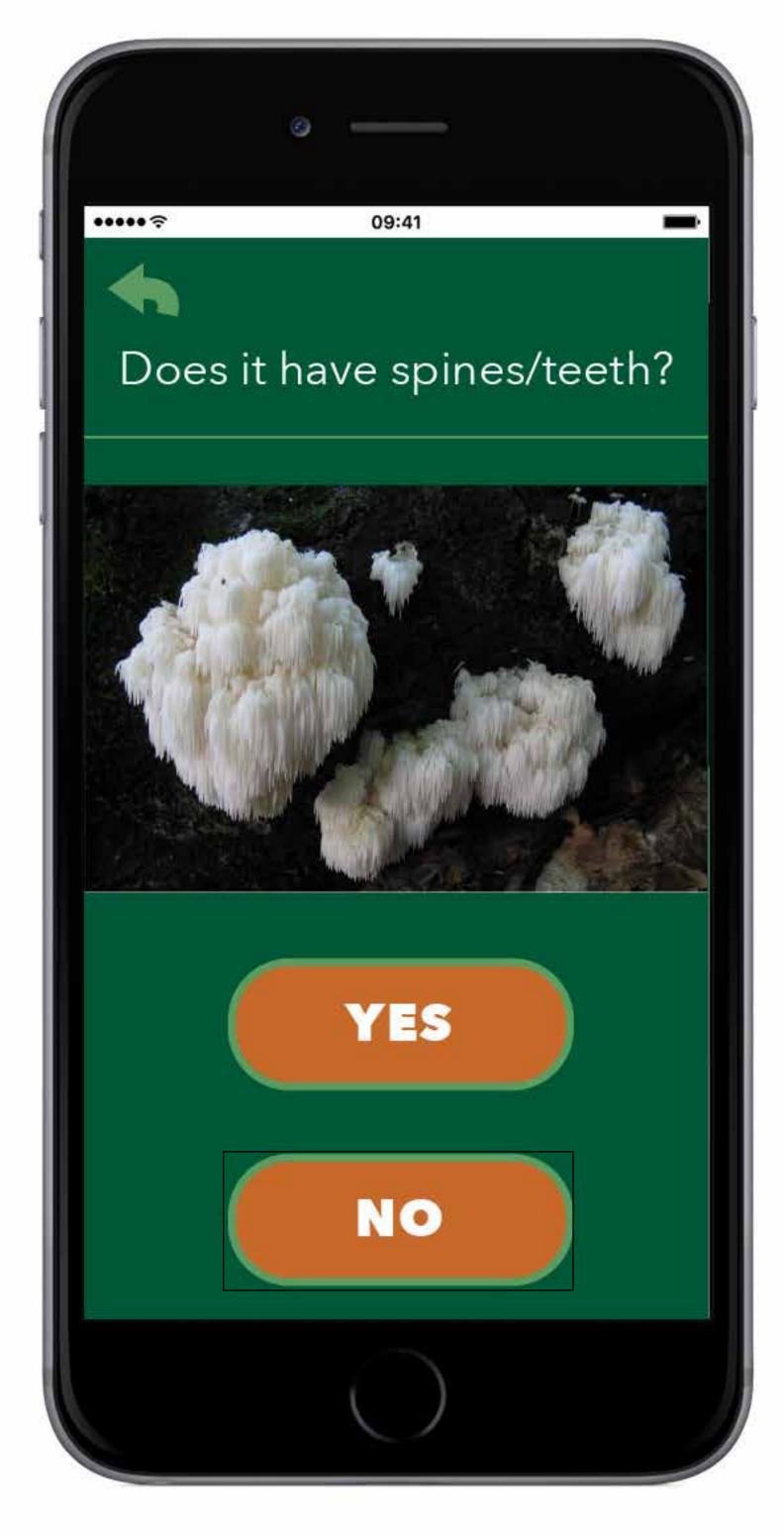




Is the pore surface running down the stem, and spore print white?



YES







Mycotrophs

Parasitic Fungus

Mycotrophs are parasites on other mushrooms and the remains of them. Sometimes the host species isn't visible, and the parasite must be identified by its physical features. Also included in this group are abnormal fruitings of fungi, such as fused caps/stems and mushrooms growing out of other mushroom caps.







