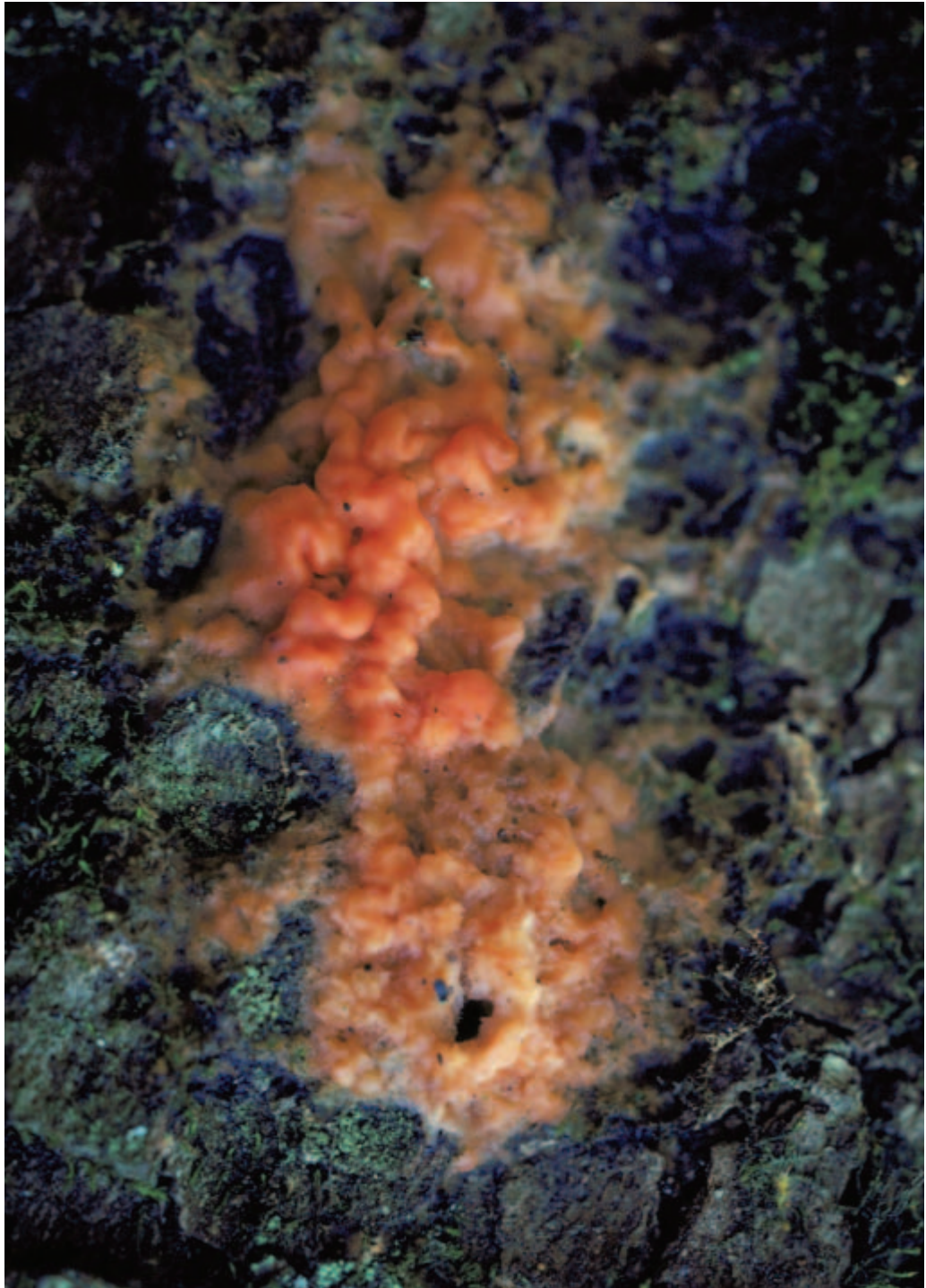


3. Answers will vary. Students might want to know what are the other defining characteristics of fungi, and whether the slime mold shares those characteristics.

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1. Answers will vary. Students likely will say that the slime mold resembles a plant.
2. Answers will vary. Students might conclude that the mold is more animal-like.



1. Based on the visible evidence of the slime mold in the photo, would you say the object is more like a plant or an animal?
2. If you observed that the slime mold was formed by smaller organisms moving together, would you change your answer?
3. If these organisms reproduce with spores, as do fungi, what else would you need to know before deciding how to classify them?