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Seed Mail for iPhone

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Update: Since first publishing this review, Seed Mail has been updated with new features, a new UI, and iOS 7 compatibility. Gone is the iOS 6 ~~skeuomorphism~~ of beige backgrounds and metallic borders, replaced with iOS 7's Flat design–and gladly not Metro design, which most apps integrated during the iOS 7 upgrade.

Also, the developers added a calendar to the mix, although it's very limited and is easily surpassed by even the free heavy hitter calendar apps in the App
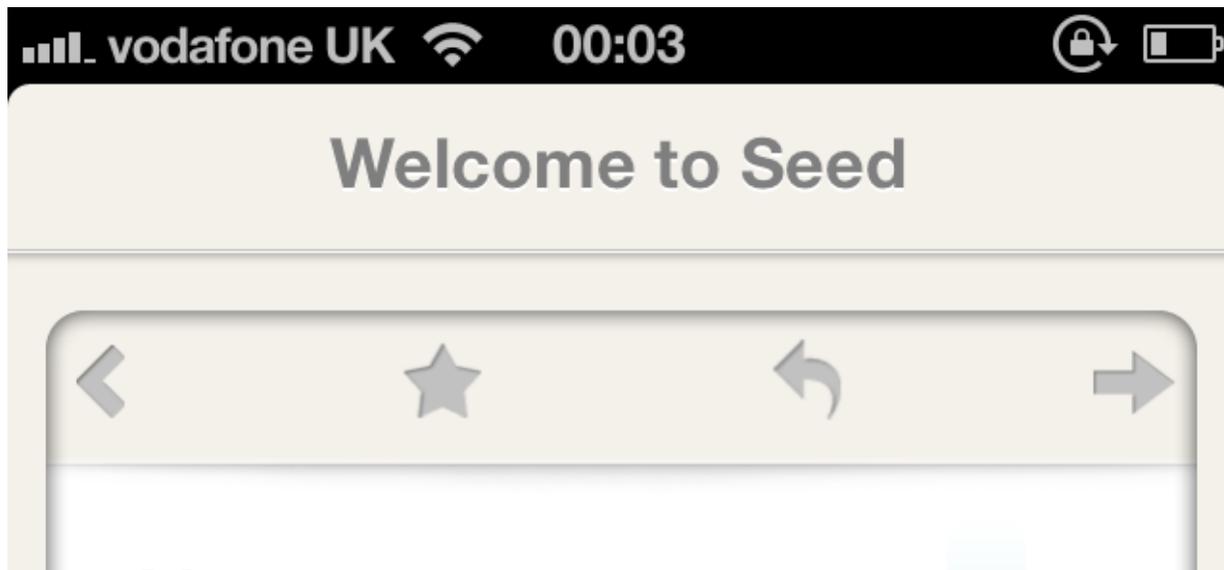
Store. However, it was a smart move on the developer's end to integrate email reminders with iOS's built in Reminders.

Overall, even with some unnecessary additions, Seed Mail for iPhone is a great alternative to some of the more popular email apps.

Below is my original review:

I've been discussing this hidden gem of an email app with people on App.net

(where the real geeks hang out) and many agree it could be a Mailbox replacement.

For one, Seed doesn't create a custom label/folder list in order to organize your email. Instead, it uses the native Gmail (or any IMAP account; another thing Mailbox lacks) folder structure.

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You can add a reminder to any mail

Also, you can set reminders directly on an email. Just swipe down when reading the email and a reminders setting appears. Seed doesn't then move your email to a special label/folder, but uses Push to notify you and leaves the email alone.

The recent update brought a calendar view and the ability to create tasks in-app. Kind of nice, but no integration with Apple's Reminders, and there are other apps that are much better in execution. Seed should remain strictly in the email game and not try to be an All-in-One app.
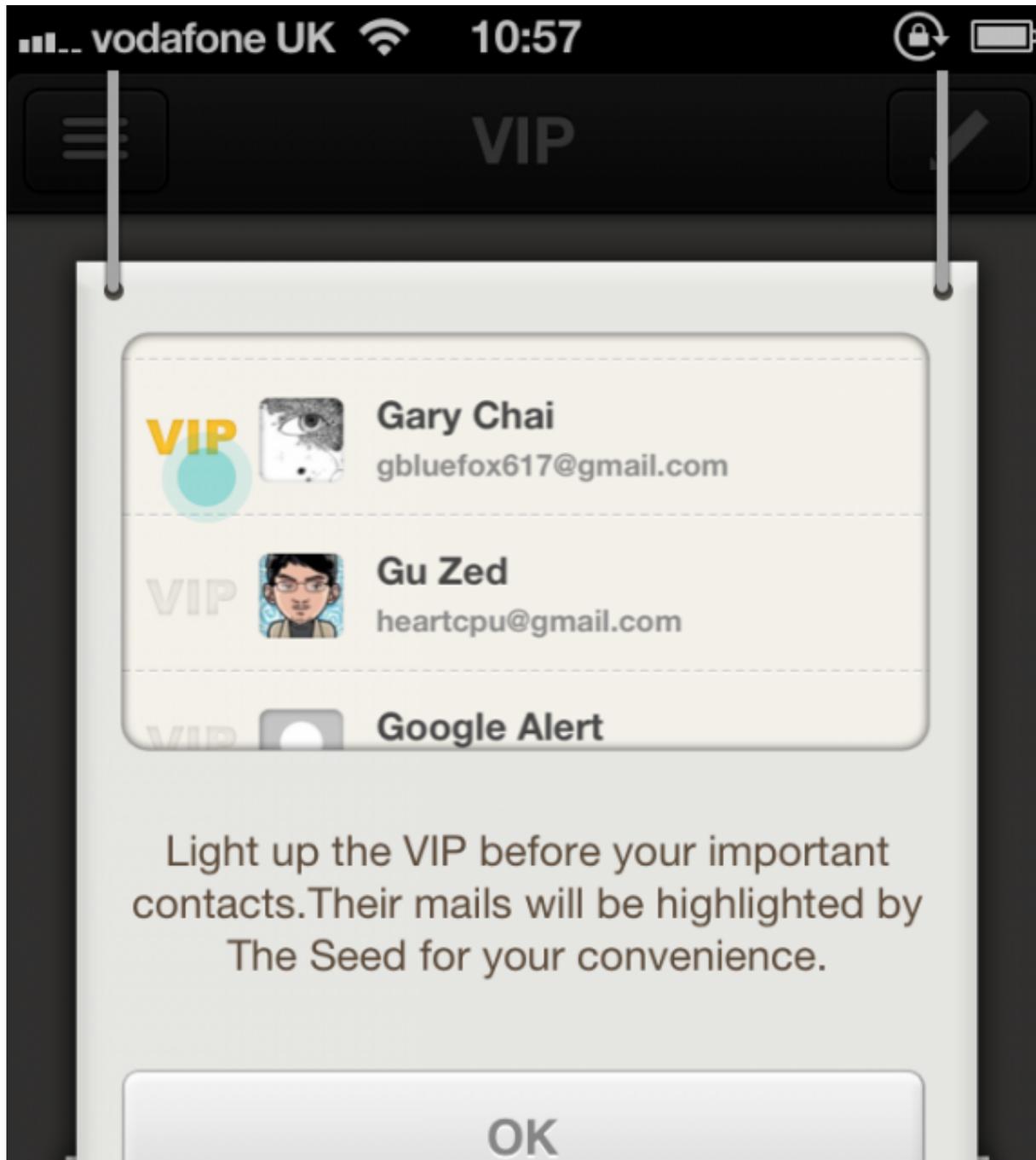
My only complaint after using Seed for a week is how it handles contacts. Avatars are not displayed–a boring grey silhouette is used instead–and if a contact has multiple emails, each individual one is displayed instead of merged.
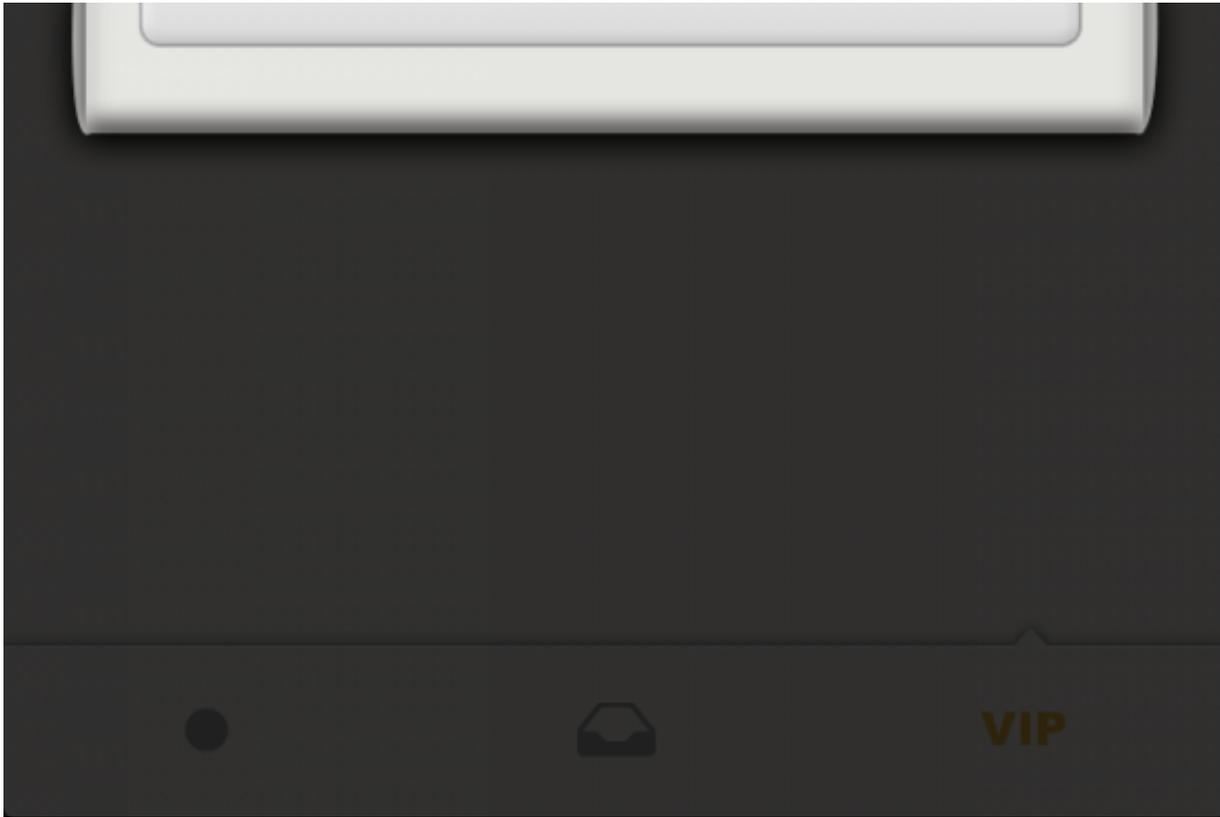
Seed has fixed this issue in the latest update

Seed uses a 3rd party Push server. Some may not be comfortable linking their accounts to these servers (another complaint about Mailbox).

Seed integrates well with Dropbox, but what app doesn't?

I found out: Evomail. The app refuses to load Dropbox

I really like Seed. I love how it flows–giving the features of Mailbox but also leaving me complete control.

If you're looking for a hidden gem that offers up the same features as the big boys, give it a try. It's a free in the App Store.

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