**Nature’s Gifts**

**When they were looking for a way to protect the heads of football players, researchers studied the woodpecker because this bird hammers steadily with its head without suffering injury. A helmet was designed with air spaces similar to those in the woodpecker’s skull, which act as shock absorbers. (Barbara Seuling, in You Can't Sneeze with Your Eyes Open, p. 14)**

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**April 21st, 2025 – rain (Discover magazine)**

**April 14th, 2025 – spiders (Leicester Hemingway, in The Living World of Nature, p. 135)**

**April 7th, 2025 – pythons (The Week magazine, November 18, 2011)**

**March 31st, 2025 - termites. The insects, it was *(Shaun Pett, in Reader’s Digest)***

[**March 24th, 2025 - barnacles *(Reader’s Digest, March/April, 2022, p. 50)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**March 17th, 2025 - beaver colony *(The Week magazine, February 21, 2025)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**March 10th, 2025 - hurricanes *(L. M. Boyd)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)

[**March 3rd, 2025 - cockleburs *(Judith Stone, in Reader's Digest)***](http://www.bbc.co.uk/)