Go Ahead and Marvel at the Wonders of May

In May, we may view with wonder the awakening of color and abundance, a display that makes most pause to reflect on the ways of nature. But just how awesome are the ways of nature, really? We humans do love our science and technology. You may brag about a computer at your desk that in a couple of seconds can connect with a computer on an island in the Pacific, exchange information and drop its data into your snazzy new two gigabyte drive, connected externally to your PC with 32 megabytes of RAM and a database that you think could organize the world’s crop data for the next century. So, compared with us humans, what other creature has more to brag about?

A honeybee.

By most tests, a honeybee so vastly outstrips computer technology that there is no comparison.

For example, according to Byte magazine, “a honeybee’s brain...is superior by about seven orders of magnitude to the most efficient of today’s manufactured computers.”

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