

Smart octopus

■ Octopuses may be even smarter than we thought. Researchers at Dartmouth College in the US found that octopuses can learn to use mirrors to locate food hidden behind them — a skill previously seen only in vertebrates like mammals and birds. After training, the animals correctly identified the food's location about 73 per cent of the time, showing they could use a mirror as a tool rather than simply reacting to a reflection.

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