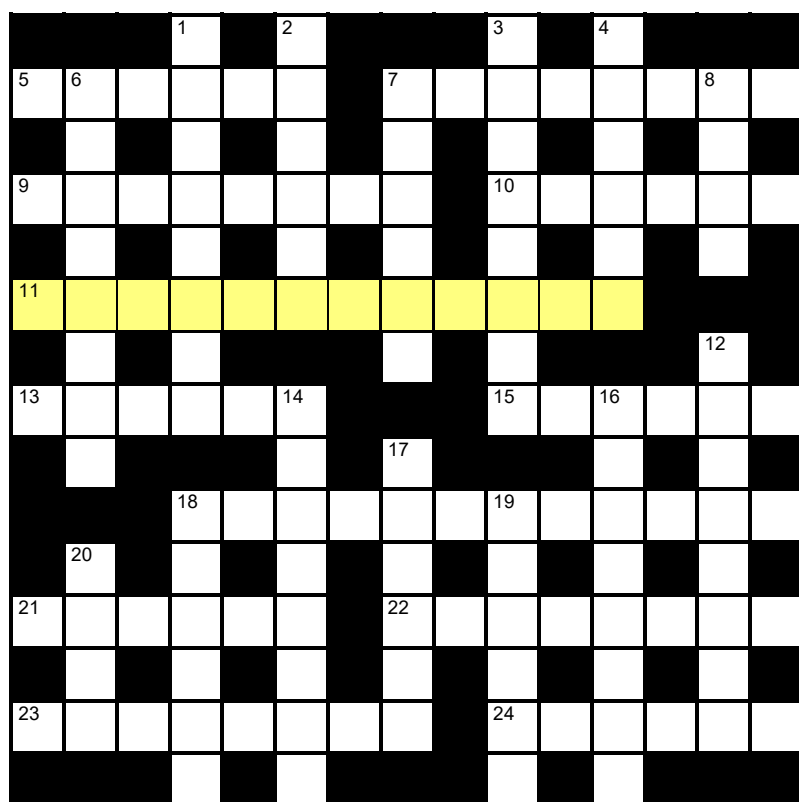


A Natural Puzzle



Across

- 5 Leave a-shore (6)
- 7 Freeze at Gaelic mod (8)
- 9 He has a lot of money and is a maker of wax (8)
- 10 A beautiful lot of orange marigold heads are in flower (6)
- 11 Outlook of a frozen food producer? (5,3,4)
- 13 Squash or spoil the line (6)
- 15 Train gun dog to find sea mammal (6)
- 18 Strong affection for produce of exotic flower (7,5)
- 21 The Russian

- space station for a long time was an illusion (6)
 - 22 This antelope, best kept in compound, is fine (8)
 - 23 Kilim (a short length) woven produces calcium carbonate (8)
 - 24 The entrancing allure of an honour (6)
- Down**
- 1 Flower offered by the French seller (8)
 - 2 Can be worn away, or not, but can be eaten (6)

- 3 African tree to flower in Devon and Cornwall in the beginning of December (8)
- 4 Could be weeping as a testament to the old wife (6)
- 6 It's very hot in the middle of March in the current environment (8)
- 7 Grasshopper carcass attracts a swarm of bees and birds (6)
- 8 Walk fast, or go backwards in the race (4)
- 12 Donate it as a remedy (8)

- 14 Waiter is re-trained as a climber (8)
- 16 After dead-head removal, dig manure, compost, and plant (8)
- 17 Stubbornly refuses to fertilize the earth (4,2)
- 18 Lady-bird has no right to preen, having a head of hair (6)
- 19 Want East Lothian backing for hedgehog defence (6)
- 20 It cannot fly during the Helsinki winter (4)