

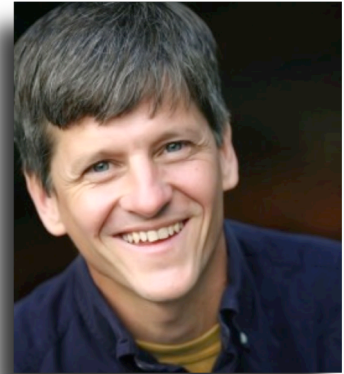
Jon Young

Author – Speaker

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Brief Biography:

Jon Young is on the leading edge of animal tracking and understanding bird language. He has been exploring animal communication for 35 years and was mentored by the famous tracker Tom Brown Jr. as well as a tribal elder in Africa.

Jon developed the 8 Shields Cultural Mentoring System, a model that has influenced more than 100 nature programs in communities in the U.S., Canada, and Europe and is also creator of the Shikari Method for data collection, which is used by the USFWS. Jon has given over 1,000 public presentations and has mentored numerous students of his own. Married, with six children, Jon lives in Santa Cruz, California.

Sample Interview Questions:

- What is the art of interpreting bird language all about? For all the birders out there, how does it complement bird-watching skills?
- How did you learn this ancient art? Where does it come from?
- Can you give an example of a bird language field experience you've had?
- How does learning bird language impact our sensory awareness? How does it impact our greater sense of well-being and presence?
- What is the difference between *deep nature connection* and *information-based* nature learning?
- How does this connection journey tie-in to healing “nature-deficit-disorder”?
- In *What the Robin Knows* you talk about bird language as a transformational journey. What kinds of shifts do you see occur in people who practice this skill?

Jon Young, Author – Speaker, continued

Extended Biography:

Mentored in understanding the language of nature throughout his boyhood by a well-known author and Tracker (Tom Brown Jr.), Jon went on to study natural history, anthropology and education at Rutgers University. His research led him to develop the 8 Shields Cultural Mentoring System, a model for resilient community and deep nature connection that is now applied by over 100 communities in North America and Europe.

Jon's unique ability to deeply read and understand the nuances of animal communication through tracks, sign, and bird language, coupled with his understanding of the crucial impact of mentoring on regenerating resilient culture, have offered a unique contribution towards developing healing modalities for self, community, and nature. Richard Louv, author of *The Nature Principle*, hails Jon as "one of the heroes of the new nature movement."

Selected Books & Audio Programs By Jon Young:

- *What the Robin Knows: How Birds Reveal the Secrets of the Natural World*. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. 2012.
- *Coyote's Guide to Connecting with Nature*. OwlLink Media. 2010.
- *Reclaiming Our Natural Connections* (CD series). OwlLink Media. 2011.
- *Seeing Through Native Eyes* (CD series). OwlLink Media. 2012.
- *Animal Tracking Basics*. Stackpole Books. 2007.
- *Exploring Natural Mystery (Kamana Naturalist Training Program)*. OwlLink Media. 1999.

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