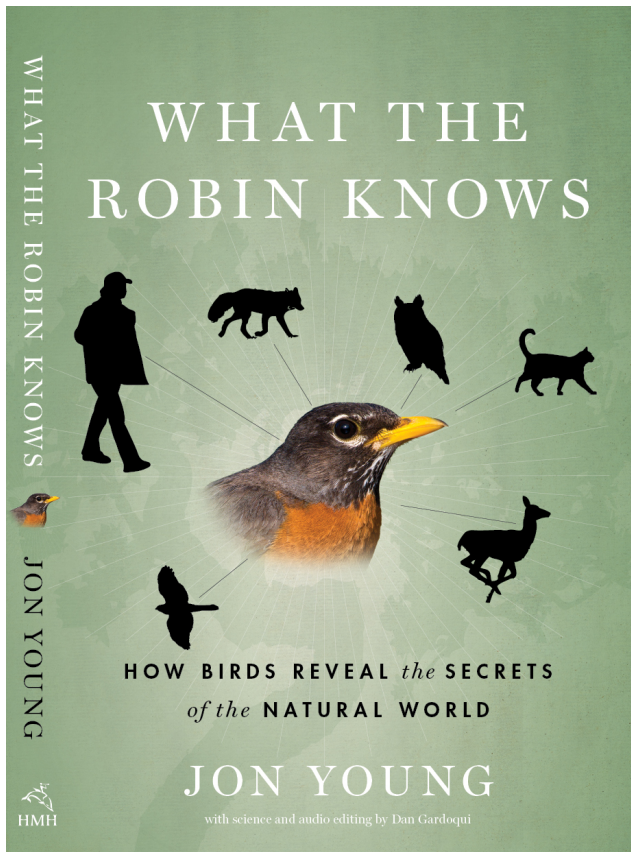


Leading Edge Books in Deep Nature Connection, From Author Jon Young



Early Reviews:

"Jon Young is one of the heroes of the new nature movement, an expansion of traditional environmentalism. With *What the Robin Knows*, he opens a door to a universe that overlaps modern life, a world lost to most, but found by some—because of teachers like Jon. This elegant book will deepen the kinship between humans and other species. It decodes our common language."

—**Richard Louv**, author of *The Nature Principle* and *Last Child in the Woods*

"Jon Young knows birds, and you will, too, after reading his marvelous book. You'll discover a universal bird language that will speak to you wherever you go outdoors. Every nature lover should read this book."

—**Joseph Cornell**, author of *Sharing Nature with Children* and *John Muir: My Life with Nature*.

Retail Orders:

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<http://WhatTheRobinKnows.com>

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About the Book:

Jon Young's ear- and eye-opening research begins with a simple premise:

If you sit quietly, for as long as it takes nearby birds to stop worrying about you, you can begin to hear what they say to one another and understand what it means.

The techniques in *What the Robin Knows* will help you to expand your zone of awareness while shrinking your zone of disturbance. Birds are the sentries for other animals:

The animals attend to the birds' warnings — their language and behaviors, such as the hook, the bird plow and the ditch — so they can hide and protect themselves. Yet if you learn to interpret these warnings, you can observe animals behaving as they do when they're not feeling threatened by human presence.

Understanding deep bird language is an ancient practice...

Native cultures have practiced this deep bird language for centuries. This groundbreaking book combines that ancient knowledge with current scientific research, to guide you to an enhanced understanding of the natural world and a deeper connection with both animals and yourself. Professional quality field recordings of many common birds in a variety of situations will help you to unlock the secrets of the natural world. The audio, available online, includes many of the "baseline" voices of backyard birds, as well as life-or-death recordings of birds in the presence of imminent danger. It also includes the voices of non-avian species whose calls can be helpful in detecting sneaky predators (such as chipmunks and squirrels), as well as tricky mimics, who may throw the budding bird-language student a curveball now and then.

Praise From Bird Watchers:

"*What the Robin Knows* is a fascinating introduction to nature study beyond putting names on what we see, not just a guide to paying attention outdoors but full of tips on how to do it. It should help us discover the world of nature around us, often glimpsed but too often overlooked. This is less a book to read than one to use, one that will enrich our hours outdoors."

—**Thomas R. Dunlap**, author of *In the Field, Among the Feathered*

"Here is the ancestral wisdom passed down from Apache elder Stalking Wolf to renowned tracker Tom Brown to Jon Young himself, who in turn passes on to the reader the art of truly listening to the avian soundscape. With all senses more finely tuned, you'll find yourself more aware of your surroundings, slowing down, and reconnecting with a native intelligence and love of the natural world that lies deep within each of us."

—**Donald Kroodsma**, author of *The Singing Life of Birds* and *Birdsong by the Seasons*