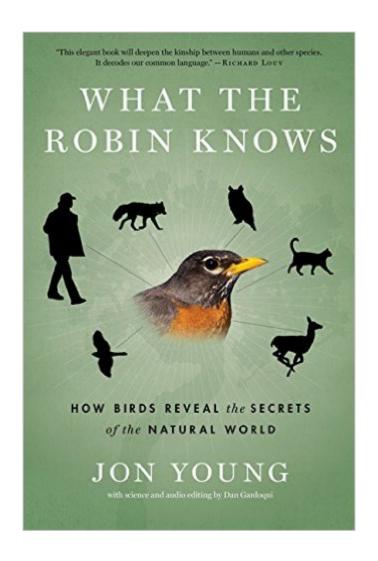
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# What The Robin Knows: How Birds Reveal The Secrets Of The Natural World





## Synopsis

â œJon Young knows birds, and you will too after reading his marvelous book. Youâ ™ll discover a universal bird language that will speak to you wherever you go outdoors. Every nature lover should read this book.â •â "Joseph Cornell, author of Sharing Nature with Children and John Muir: My Life with NatureA lifelong birder, tracker, and naturalist, Jon Young is guided by three basic premises: the robin, junco, and other songbirds know everything important about their environment, be it backyard or forest; by tuning in to their vocalizations and behavior, we can acquire much of this wisdom for our own pleasure and benefit; and the birdsâ ™ companion calls and warning alarms are just as important as their songs. Deep bird language is an ancient discipline, perfected by Native peoples the world over, and science is finally catching up. This groundbreaking book unites the indigenous knowledge, the latest research, and the authorâ <sup>™</sup>s own experience of four decades in the field to lead us toward a deeper connection to the animals and, in the end, a deeper connection to ourselves. â œJon Young is one of the heroes of the new nature movement . . . This elegant book will deepen the kinship between humans and other species. It decodes our common language.â •â "Richard Louv, author of The Nature Principle and Last Child in the Woodsâ œA brilliant work, born of a lifetime of listening, teaching, and tracking what really matters ... Jon Youngâ <sup>™</sup>s work replenishes our humanity.â •â "David Abram, author of Becoming Animal and The Spell of the Sensuous

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Bird Language the Tactical AdvantageJon Young has published another superb title "What the Robin Knows: How Birds Reveal the Secrets of the Natural World." Throughout time animal alarms have been used by hunters and military personnel to cue them into the environment and/or to "alarm" them to the presence of a predator or enemy. During this time hunters and soldiers that employed this technique may have not known that they were using an elaborate communications system that today is now and art and science. And they may have not even known that they under stood some of this "foreign" language. What Jon Young has done is put this language in an easy to understand how-to format, essentially providing anybody the opportunity to learn this language if they so desire. I personally learned bird language a few years back to use operationally on combat operations. In doing so, I picked specific species of birds and animals to study and learn, that were common across my area of operation. I am by no means an expert at bird language but used it operationally successfully in locations specific to me in areas in Africa, Malaya and Borneo. I also can take the same principles and with time apply them to my new operational areas as needed. This is because even though birds have different songs/calls, bird language is essentially the same the world over and is understood intuitively by many species of animals, which ultimately leads to the concentric rings that are made by disturbances to the baseline of the area you are operating in. The disturbances could be predators in the area or enemy personnel.

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