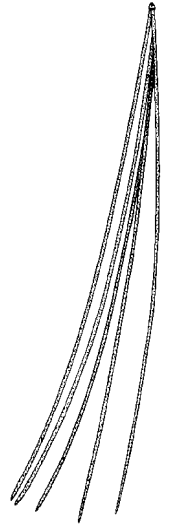


BIRD LANGUAGE

Bird language is the universal language of the forest. From the Shikati trackers in the jungles of India, to the Apache Scouts of the desert Southwest to modern naturalists and hunters in the eastern deciduous woodlands, bird language is the apex awareness component that determines one's ability to become invisible.



White Pine Bird Language Guild on Youtube

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6cF8eGs4ZB4tUjlne37GtcA5zs-Wa2-B>



5 voices of the birds

What The Robin Knows

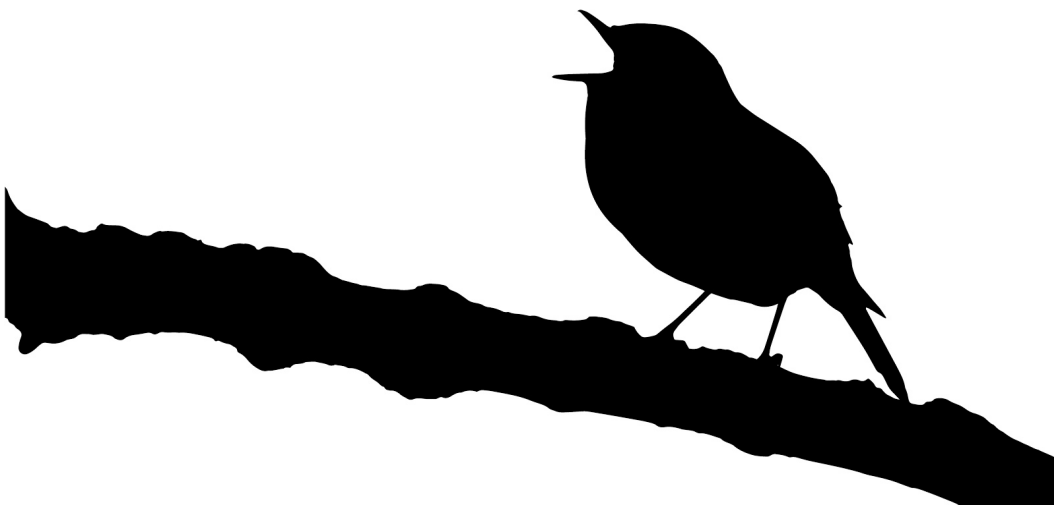
Jon Young made a major contribution to science with this book and brought a lot of pride to our lineage. This was the first book to outline the nuances of interspecies communication. This is such an empowering skill to add to your Shikari Training. This book will give you all of the nuanced details of a variety of alarm and baseline behavior.



Once you have read and understand the voices you can share them as interactive skits in circle to get your Coyote patch.

Tier 1

Present your Bird Language EDC (See Ascetics Packing and Caching Guild)



baseline

Now that you know what Baseline is, next is to truly Experience the forest and yourself in Baseline. Only you can know if this sacred right of passage has occurred, it does take a lot of dirt time. Remember the Path of the Ascetic is one who seeks internal riches. Observe the birds deeply for months at your sit spot, eventually they will venture closer and closer to you. You are learning to speak their language.



Tier 2

Present and demonstrate your Bird Language GoBag. (See Ascetics Packing and Caching Guild)



alarm

Now you may be asking how witnessing alarm behavior is a right of passage when most people only see birds in alarm. That's why this challenge comes after Baseline. First you will have to come to know the unique expression of Baseline at your Sit Spot at different times of day and night and different seasons. Then you can identify deviations from that baseline and truly experience the panic of alarm as it rips through the forest that you are now a part of. When you feel it, whether it is caused by a human or an Accipiter it can be quite startling. Get to know and experience as many types of alarm as you can and share them in circle.



Tier 3

Present and demonstrate your expanded Bird Language GoBag. (See Ascetics Packing and Caching Guild)



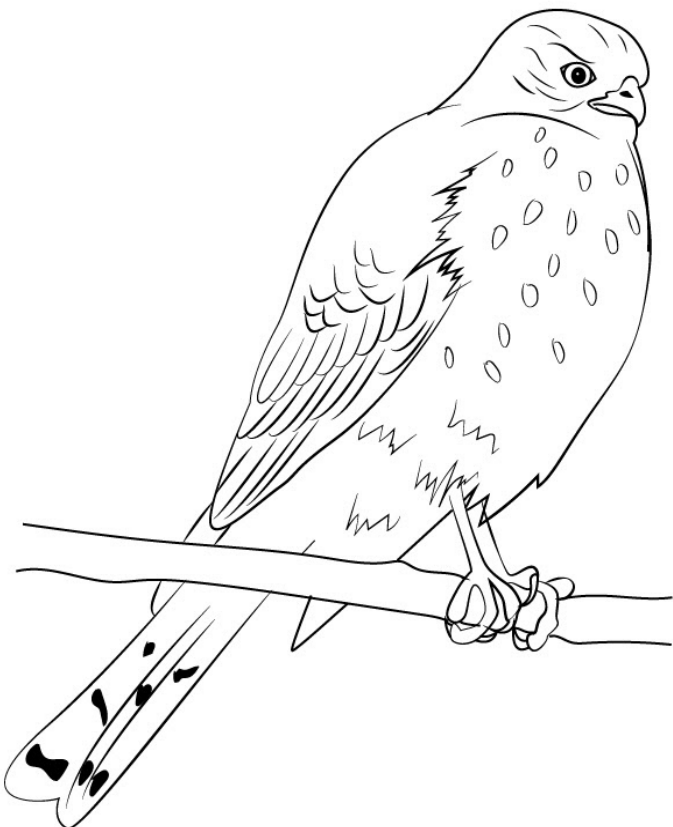
human shield

Now as you are learning on the Ascetic Pathway, it never pays to rush. You may feel like plowing through the challenges and maybe you were able to up to this point. But I must warn you, I first heard about the Human Shield from Jon Young at The Tracker School in 1999 and it was a full 10 years of Sit Spot practice and Bird Language study before I ever experienced it. One day I was fox walking out to my Sit Spot and a peculiar thing happened. Two swamp sparrows flew up into a shrub next to my head, about 4 ft away. They were in intense alarm, I could actually see their tiny feathers shaking, but they remained close to me, though they darted around from branch to branch. This is so curious, I thought. Then, coming in like a phantom of death was the largest Accipiter I have ever seen (I believe it was the only Goshawk I have seen in Indiana), he was after the sparrows, but he didn't want to come too close to me. My jaw hung open in awe as he flew over my head and across the Wapahani River. After he was out of range, the sparrows looked at me as if to say "thanks dude" and took off. "Human Shield" I said out loud.



Tier 4

Present and demonstrate your Bird Language Tier 4. (See Ascetics Packing and Caching Guild)



Bird blessing

It was 1999 at my first Tracker School class when Jon Young presented bird language at the very end of the Standard Class. We were out in the Santa Cruz Mountains at a boy scout camp. Jon was saying things about how Aboriginal People use more of their brain than modern people and how trackers have different awareness patterns and how if you use owl eyes and fox walking you will repattern your entire brain. All this stuff was pretty revolutionary back then and it still is today. We were all hanging on his every word. He ended with the traditional Polish teaching his Grandmother gave him, “Never disturb a singing bird, because it is in it’s thanksgiving. If you do this,” Jon said, “You may one day experience a bird blessing.” He paused long for effect, he was always doing stuff like that, Jon is an incredible speaker, mostly because how connected he is to his audience, “a bird blessing is one of the most powerful rights of passage you can have in nature, because you can’t just go out and get it, the birds will decide when your mind is quiet enough, and then, maybe a bird will land on you, and it will change you.” I wanted nothing more than a bird blessing. It would take another 15 years of Sit Spot Practice before it would happen. Don’t give up, it’s worth it. Thank you for joining me in the Bird Language Guild, hope to see you there.



Tier 5

Share your Quest and where you train remotely



Thank you for joining us in the Bird Language Guild, hope to see you there.

