

Bird Language Study Guide: Who to Know Well

DEEP NATURE GUIDES

Tracking, Tending and Questing in Community

Some of our most helpful bird language mentors:

- Sparrows (Song Sparrow, Gold-crowned Sparrow, etc)
- Dark-eyed Junco
- American Robin
- Bewick's Wren
- California Towhee; Spotted Towhee

We suggest completing a journal on each of these birds over time. Get to know where they live in your area or sit spot, listen to and mimic their voices, and start observing their lives and ways of responding to their environment.

Get to know the raptors in your area that birds are most affected by:

Accipiters:

- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Cooper's Hawk

Falcons:

- Peregrine Falcon
- American Kestrel

Other raptors with a unique influence on bird language:

- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Merlin
- Owls

Get to know your neighborhood cat, and its habits and runs. How are the birds responding to it?

*A good bird vocalization CD set is *Bird Songs of California* by Cornell Ornithology Lab. This includes long recordings of songs, calls and alarms in most cases. AllAboutBirds.com and the *iBird* app is also great.*

Also recommended is

- *Jon Young's Advanced Bird Language CD set,*
- www.birdlanguage.com
- *Jon Young's new book What the Robin Knows*
- *Bird Language with Jon Young DVD*

all available at www.wildernessawareness.org. This will really help you take another step with your awareness of bird language.