

# Hope

FOR ANIMALS SUMMIT



## JONATHAN BALCOMBE, PhD

Jonathan Balcombe, PhD, is a biologist, author, and a life-long animal advocate. His 2006 book *Pleasurable Kingdom* is the first in-depth examination of animals' capacity to enjoy life. His subsequent books *Second Nature*, and *The Exultant Ark* also present animals in a new light and presage a revolution in the human-animal relationship. His new book, the *New York Times* best-seller *What a Fish Knows*, explores the private lives of the planet's most misunderstood and maligned vertebrates. Balcombe is Director for Animal Sentience with The Humane Society Institute for Science and Policy, and Associate Editor for *Animal Sentience*, the first scholarly journal of animal feeling. He recently moved to Florida, where in his spare time he enjoys swimming, snorkeling, biking, baking, birding, Bach, and trying to understand the lizards on his patio.

## PROJECTS

I am currently busy promoting my most recent book, "What a Fish Knows" (released June 2016). I will be giving over 30 presentations domestically and abroad over the next five months. I also have plans to organize a speaking tour in China, and possibly also Japan and Korea, in 2018, by which time foreign translations will be available. I distribute a monthly newsletter called *All Things Fish* (subscribe at my website: [www.jonathan-balcombe.com](http://www.jonathan-balcombe.com)). I have begun working on a new book project on one of the world's most successful and reviled groups of animals.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

FB: <https://www.facebook.com/afishknows/>  
FB: <https://www.facebook.com/whatafishknows/>  
FB: <https://www.facebook.com/VeganTshirtDay/>  
Twitter: @Jonathanpb1959





## HOW TO HELP

I could use the services of a) someone who is skilled at organizing speaking tours; b) someone to conduct outreach to potential speaking venues, and other PR activities, and c) someone skilled at conducting online research for scientific and cultural information about specific groups of animals, and d) someone to help troubleshoot IT roadblocks (e.g., my YouTube channel, Instagram account, Twitter email account settings, and my Google Alerts).

## SUCCESS STORIES

Please check these links to learn more:  
Pacific island of Kiribati announces [huge shark sanctuary](#).  
Efforts ramped up to combat [illegal fish trade](#).

## WHERE TO LEARN MORE

Join my monthly newsletter subscription to All Things Fish - <http://jonathan-balcombe.com/contact/> or by emailing me directly

[My interview](#) on Fresh Air, with Terry Gross - Fish Have Feelings Too, The Inner Lives of Our Underwater Cousins

If you would like to support my work, please contact me via email at [jonathan@jonathanbalcombe.com](mailto:jonathan@jonathanbalcombe.com).





## SPEAKER FACT SHEET

### **JONATHAN BALCOMBE, PhD** **AUTHOR, SCIENTIST AND LEADING ANIMAL ADVOCATE**

Animal behavior expert Jonathan Balcombe is a passionate advocate for animals and their living spaces. His New York Times best-selling new book *What A Fish Knows* celebrates the rich and complex lives of our underwater cousins, and, like his earlier books *Pleasurable Kingdom*, *Second Nature*, and *The Exultant Ark*, presages a revolution in the human-animal relationship. A PhD scientist, Balcombe's dynamic message resonates with broad, timely issues. He has given invited presentations on six continents. (The penguins keenly await him in Antarctica.)

*Jonathan Balcombe is one of the best keynote speakers in North America about the nature of animals. His presentations are perfect for audiences of professionals and enthusiasts alike.*

-- Louisa McCune-Elmore, Executive Director, Kirkpatrick Foundation

*Jonathan has thrilled our audiences with stunning photos of animals and regaled them with discoveries about their lives. Nobody leaves untouched by his message.*

-- Gene Baur, President, Farm Sanctuary

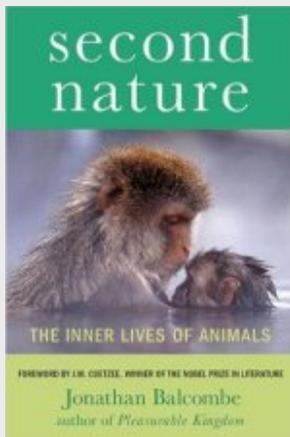
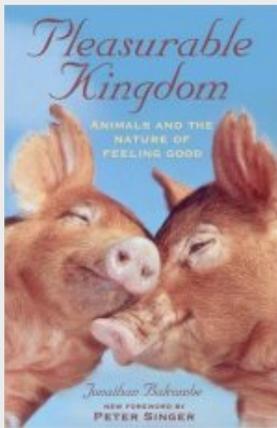
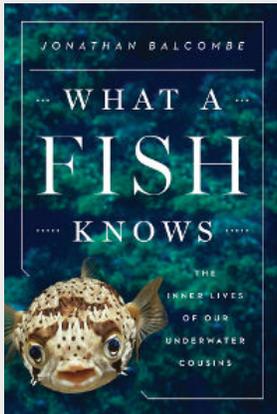
*Dr Balcombe's presentations combine knowledge and wit to make the science of animal behavior and sentience accessible and entertaining. He was a favorite with my students and I've invited him back.*

-- Sherry F. Colb, Professor of Law, Cornell Law School

## **VIDEO SAMPLES:**

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## JONATHAN'S SPEAKING TOPICS

What a Fish Knows. Balcombe combines science with storytelling to explore the colorful lives of the least understood (and most maligned) vertebrates on Earth. Balcombe's new book, *What a Fish Knows*, will blow your fishy biases clear out of the water.

Beastly Bliss: Animal Pleasure and its Significance. This lavishly illustrated presentation debunks the popular perception that life for animals is a continuous, grim struggle for survival. As pleasure-seekers, animals' lust for play, sex, touch and food inspires a revolutionary new view of animals.

Second Nature: The Inner Lives of Animals. From optimistic starlings, to dogs who object to unfair treatment, animals lead lives of acute sensitivity, awareness, and virtue. Against this backdrop, our own behavior toward animals needs a major house-cleaning.

### Other topics

Jonathan's expertise on animal sentience and behavior appeals to diverse audiences. His presentations, which combine striking images and uplifting anecdotes, can be tailored to any age group and audience interest.

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