

Jonathan & Angie Scott



About us

Jonathan Scott was born in London in 1949 and has lived in Kenya since 1977. He has a Bsc Hons degree in Zoology from the Queen's University of Belfast, Northern Ireland. In 1987 he was the Overall Winner in the *Wildlife Photographer of the Year Competition* – the most prestigious event of its kind. Jonathan has Presented numerous wildlife television programs for the BBC and Animal Planet.

Angela Scott was born in Alexandria, Egypt in 1953 and spent her childhood in Dar es Salaam in Tanzania. Jonathan and Angela married in the Masai Mara Game Reserve in 1992 and have proved to be a prolific partnership, collecting material together for their books and traveling around the world as wildlife and travel photographers. In 2002 Angela was the Overall Winner of the *Wildlife Photographer of the Year Award*. Her winning image was selected from more than 18,000 images submitted from 60 countries. This made Jonathan and Angela the only couple ever to have won this competition as individuals. Jonathan and Angela live in Nairobi, Kenya and have a permanent base at Governor's Camp in the Masai Mara Game Reserve. Their award winning images have appeared in books and magazines around the world, including *National Geographic, Geo, Geographical, BBC Wildlife, Digital Photography, Outdoor Photographer, Outdoor Photography, Traveller, Wanderlust, EOS Magazine, Practical Photographer, Swara, Focus, Terre Savage.*

Jonathan's first experience as a television presenter was with the hugely popular American series *Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom* where he worked for from 1982 to 1984. In 1989 he co-presented *Africa Watch* a series of live television broadcasts for BBC/Discovery from the Masai Mara, and in 1995 was co-presenter of *Flamingo Watch*, a series of live BBC/Turner broadcasts from Kenya's Rift Valley lakes. In 1996 he presented his own six-part television series for BBC/Discovery called *Dawn to Dusk*.

Between 1997 and 1999 Jonathan and Angie traveled the world presenting wildlife stories for *Wild Things*, an American television series created by Paramount Productions, visiting Australia, Nepal, India, Indonesia, Alaska, Uganda and Tanzania, as well as filming in Kenya. This was a unique opportunity for them to hone their photographic and presenting skills 'out of Africa'.

In 1996 the first series of *Big Cat Diary* was commissioned featuring the same big cats that Jonathan and Angie have spent so many years watching, photographing and drawing in the Masai Mara. *Big Cat Diary* remains one of the most popular and oft repeated wildlife series on television and is broadcast around the world on BBC/Animal Planet. In October 2008 *Big Cat Live* was broadcast for a week both live and online to the UK.

Angela was the Production Stills photographer and one of the game spotters for *Big Cat Diary* and in 2000 Jonathan and Angela were commissioned by HarperCollins to write a trilogy of books on Africa's big cats to accompany the television series - *Big Cat Diary: Lion* (2002), *Big Cat Diary: Leopard* (2003), and *Big Cat Diary: Cheetah* (2005). In 2008 Evans Mitchell published *Stars of Big Cat Diary*, showcasing 12 years of *Big Cat Diary*.

Prompted by the phenomenal success of *Big Cat Diary*, Jonathan was asked to co-present *Big Bear Diary* for BBC/Animal Planet and two series of *Elephant Diaries* between 2005-07 as well as narrating *Chimpanzee Diaries*. In 2010 Jonathan presented *The Secret Leopards* for BBC/Animal Planet and in 2011 presented the two part series *The Truth About Lions*. Many of these programmes are available on DVD online from the BBC and Amazon.

Jonathan and Angela are passionate conservationists and are UK Patrons of the *Galapagos Wildlife Trust* and the *Cheetah Conservation Fund*; Jonathan is UK Patron of the *Rhino Ark* and *The Simeon Trust*, as well as serving for many years on the Editorial Board of the *East African Wildlife Society*, and the Conservation Board of *Friends of Conservation*. He is a member of the *African Lion Working Group* – affiliated to the *IUCN Cat Specialist Group*.

When they are not filming or working on their book projects, Jonathan and Angela lead small groups of fellow traveler's to destinations worldwide – from Africa all the way to the frozen icescapes of Antarctica, with India, Bhutan, Sri Lanka and the Galapagos Islands other favourite destinations for their safaris and photoworkshops.

In 2009 Jonathan and Angela were enrolled in the Canon Ambassadors Programme in recognition of their photography, and in 2010 they became members of the SanDisk Extreme Team. They are sponsored by the binocular manufacturers Swarovski Optic (UK).

Television work

- 2011** BBC: *The Truth About Lions*
- 2010** BBC/Animal Planet: *The Secret Leopards*
- 2008** BBC: *Big Cat Live*
- 2007** Oman TV: *The Arabian Leopard*
- 2006** BBC/Animal Planet: *Big Bear Diary*
- 2005-07** BBC/Animal Planet: *Elephant Diaries* – Series 1 and 2
- 2003-06** BBC: *Big Cat Week* – Series 1 to 4
- 1997-99** Paramount Television: *Wild Things*
- 1996-02** BBC/Discovery/Animal Planet: *Big Cat Diary* – Series 1 to 4
- 1996** BBC: *Dawn to Dusk*
- 1995** BBC/Turner: *Flamingo Watch*
- 1989** BBC/Discovery: *Africa Watch*
- 1985** Central TV: *Nature Watch*
- 1982-84** Mutual of Omaha's *Wild Kingdom*

Publications by Jonathan & Angela Scott

- 2012** *Jonathan and Angela Scott's Safari Guide to East African Animals* (Kensta)
- 2012** *Jonathan and Angela Scott's Safari Guide to East African Birds* (Kensta)
- 2012** *The Marsh Lions* (Brian Jackman & Jonathan and Angela Scott): (Bradt Publishers: Animal Classic Series)
- 2004-11** HarperCollins Educational Series: Collins Big Cat children's series (8 titles): *Big Cat Babies*; *Antarctica: Land of the Penguins*; *Africa's Big Three*: Elephant, Hippo and Rhino; *Kings of the Wild*: Brown Bears; *Masai: Tribe of Warriors*; *Giant Reptiles*: Crocodiles and Monitor Lizards; *On Safari*: How Jonathan and Angie live and work in the bush; *A Day in India*: The life of a child in Jaipur
- 2008** *Stars of Big Cat Diary* (Evans Mitchell Books)
- 2007** *Antarctica: Exploring a Fragile Eden* (HarperCollins)
- 2005** *Big Cat Diary: Cheetah* (HarperCollins)
- 2003** *Big Cat Diary: Leopard* (HarperCollins)
- 2002** *Big Cat Diary: Lion* (HarperCollins)
- 2000** *Mara-Serengeti: A Photographer's Paradise* (Fountain Press)
- 1997** *Jonathan Scott's Safari Guide to East African Animals* (Kensta)
- 1997** *Jonathan Scott's Safari Guide to East African Birds* (Kensta)

Publications by Jonathan Scott

- 1996** *Dawn to Dusk* (BBC Books and Kyle Cathie)
- 1996** *The Big Cat Diary* Co-authored with Brian Jackman (BBC Books)
- 1992** *Kingdom of Lions* (Kyle Cathie)
- 1991** *Painted Wolves: Wild Dogs of The Serengeti-Mara* (Hamish Hamilton)
- 1991** *The Leopard Family Book* (Picture Book Studio)

- 1988** *The Great Migration* (Elm Tree Books)
- 1985** *Know Kenya's Animals* (Kensta)
- 1985** *The Leopard's Tale* (Elm Tree Books)
- 1982** *The Marsh Lions* Co-authored with Brian Jackman (Elm Tree Books)
- 1981** *A Souvenir Guide to African Birds* (Kensta)

Awards

Jonathan Scott:

Wildlife Photographer of the Year (1987)

Royal Geographical Society: The Cherry Kearton Award (1994)

Friends of Conservation: Conservation Action Leader Award (1994)

The African Travel and Tourism Association Award (1996)

Wanderlust Travel Awards: Special Award (2007)

Graduate of the Year Award: Queens University of Belfast (2008)

Angie Scott:

Wildlife Photographer of the Year (2002)

Jonathan and Angela Scott: Professional Recognition:

Canon Ambassadors and SanDisk Elite Team