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Snatching a Ring Tone from the Endangered List

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- RareEarthTones.com

[*Morning Edition*](#), December 25, 2006 · A new offering in cell phone ring tones is meant to invoke the world outside of office meetings, shopping malls and traffic gridlock.

The sound of the Peruvian plantcutter, a bird listed as endangered on the Web site of the [Center for Biological Diversity](#), could be the sound of your cell phone ringing.

The center has gathered sounds from birds, frogs, toads and some whales. Many of them, [the center](#) says, face "high probability of extinction."

The downloads are free.