

## Ultrasonic Calls of Brazilian Leaf Litter Frogs

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Researchers uncover a remarkable phenomenon in the **Brazilian rainforest** involving a tiny **leaf litter frog** emitting **ultrasonic calls** imperceptible to humans.

- Leaf litter frogs (Haddadus binotatus) in the Brazilian rainforest produce ultrasonic calls, potentially to deter predators or attract other animals for protection.
  - The call's frequency ranges from 7 Kilohertz (kHz) to 20 kHz, within humans' hearing range, and up to 20 kHz to 44 kHz, beyond human perception.
    - The "normal" human hearing frequency range is between 20 Hz and 20 kHz.
  - While inaudible to humans, these screams can be detected by potential predators like bats, rodents, and small primates, potentially deterring a range of predators with their broad frequency range.
- The discovery raises questions about the purpose of these ultrasonic calls and their impact on predators and the ecosystem.



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