

## VOICES OF AN INDIAN NIGHT

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**FAMILY : BUFONIDAE**

1. Bufo melanostictus : A child's horsehair rattle (McCann 1932). Chirping sound and sometimes.... a shrill whistle (Satyamurti 1967).
  2. Bufo fergusonii : Higher pitched than B. melanostictus and more harmonious (Whitaker and Whitaker 1983).
  3. Bufo stomaticus : A harsh but not particularly loud 'qui-qui-qui' (Minton 1966).
  4. Bufo viridis : A rather faint, melodious trill (Minton 1966).
  5. Scutiger nepalensis : Resembling that of a crow (Nanhoe and Ouboter 1987).

**FAMILY : MICROHYLIDAE**

6. *Kaloula pulchra*: Wau-aughh (Murthy 1968). Bommm.  
bommm. bommm (Whitaker and Whitaker 1983).

7. *Microhyla chakrapani*: Low pitched interrupted call  
(Mehta and Rao 1987).

8. *Microhyla inornata*: Slightly low pitched vocal call  
(Mehta and Rao 1987).

9. *Microhyla ornata*: Trrk-trrk-trrk, strikingly loud and  
ventriloquistic (Abdulali and Sekar 1988). Weak,  
intermittent, rasping note (Minton 1966).

10. *Microhyla rubra*: Akin to chirping of crickets, but is  
interrupted (Rao 1915). Sharp, double 'turr' (Whitaker  
and Whitaker 1983).

11. *Ramanella montana*: Brong...brong...brong (Abdulali