

## Bird Sounds

Cuckoo is an onomatopoeic word. What a jaw breaker! It means a word that suggests a sound. Maybe you would like to hear the sound of the cuckoo. Switch on your speakers and place the cursor over the cuckoo icon

Another onomatopoeic word is coo. Listen to the coo of the collared dove

Sound really bring the page to life. Record a sound yourself with a mobile phone and put it in your diary. To get the sound into a diary document, is a bit high tech. The sound file has to be saved as a waveform (.wav). You will then have to use the Sound Recorder which is found under start/all Programs/Accessories/Entertainment/Sound Recorder. It looks like this



Click File and open your sound file. Click Edit/copy. Go back to your word processor document and Edit/paste. The sound file will appear in your document as an icon.

Another way is to use Adobe Acrobat and insert a sound clip. This is the method I used.

Your sound may not make the national news like the girl who used her mobile phone to record a video clip of the orang-utan that got loose in Dublin Zoo. But it might be included in the Junior Corner. More importantly, it will make your diary sing.

There are other bird sounds which some people think resemble spoken words. The red grouse sounds like he is shouting "go, go, go back, go back" Can you hear these words?

You are probably of the opinion that I am hearing things.

I will leave you with a very special sound; it is the little tern