

# Elephants sing low the same way humans do

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African Bush Elephant in Mikumi National Park, Tanzania. Taken by Oliver Wright, via Wikipedia.

(Phys.org) -- Mammals produce sounds in two ways, either via the flow of air over vocal folds (vocal chords), as in humans and many other mammals, or via active muscular contractions as in the cat's purr. Until now no one has been sure how elephants produce their lowest tones, but a new study has solved the mystery.

African elephants produce "infrasounds," which are low-frequency (

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