

Listening Point – Daily Soundscape Recordings from a Window of an Apartment in a Building Located on a Street in a Residential and Commercial Neighborhood in the City of Niterói, State of Rio de Janeiro

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Abstract

A month-long (February-March 2021) log of sounds and sound sources in Rio de Janeiro.

Daily Soundscape Recordings

Period: 19 February – 22 March 2021

Total Listening Time: 5 hours

Period	Description of the Sound Sources Recorded in the Period Established for Listening
Friday 19 February, 3:35-3:50pm	Air conditioning system equipment coming from stores; motorcycles; chainsaws
Saturday 20 February, 6:45pm-7pm	Air conditioning system equipment coming from stores; murmur produced by conversations of restaurant employees and delivery drivers; voice of a child in the distance
Sunday 21 February, 11:15am-11:30am	Air conditioning system equipment coming from stores; someone coughing; sequential sound of two notes imitating that which precedes the warnings at airports
Monday 22 February, 7:15am-7:30am	Airplane; cars passing on the street; horns; birds singing; dogs barking; motorcycles; voices in the distance
Tuesday 23 February, 6:45pm-7pm	Air conditioning system equipment coming from stores; barking dog; passing car; honking horn
Wednesday 24 February	There was no listening on this date
Thursday 25 February, 10:15am-10:30am	Air conditioning system equipment coming from stores; drill; plane; chainsaw
Friday 26 February	There was no listening on this date
Saturday 27 February, 11:15am-11:30am	Air conditioning system equipment coming from stores; murmuring produced by the conversations of restaurant employees and delivery drivers; someone tapping on a metal surface

Period	Description of the Sound Sources Recorded in the Period Established for Listening
Sunday 28 February, 12:00pm-12:15pm	Children's voices; an adult's voice; air conditioning system equipment coming from stores; barking dogs; honking horns
Monday 1 March, 9:15am-9:30am	Chainsaw; air conditioning system equipment coming from stores; drill; some kind of noisy machine running (maybe a garbage compactor); truck braking
Tuesday 2 March, 5pm-5:15pm	Water pumps; air conditioning system equipment coming from stores; cars passing on the street; motorcycles passing on the street; two-note sequential sounds imitating those preceding airport announcements
Wednesday 3 March	There was no listening on this date
Thursday 4 March	There was no listening on this date
Friday 5 March, 6:25pm-6:40pm	Chainsaw; air conditioning system equipment coming from stores; water drops hitting the awnings; horn; motorcycle passing in the street
Saturday 6 March, 9:15pm-9:30pm	Rain; water drops hitting the awnings; murmurs produced by the conversations of restaurant employees and delivery drivers
Sunday 7 March, 10:55pm-11:10pm	Chainsaw; water drops hitting the awnings; scream of an adult male in the distance; garage gate opening; motorcycle in the distance
Monday 8 March	There was no listening on this date
Tuesday 9 March	There was no listening on this date
Wednesday 10 March	There was no listening on this date

Period	Description of the Sound Sources Recorded in the Period Established for Listening
Thursday 11 March, 5:15pm-5:30pm	Air conditioning system equipment; motorcycle passing in the street
Friday 12 March	There was no listening on this date
Saturday 13 March, 10:55am-11:10am	Air conditioning system equipment coming from stores; motorcycle passing in the street; barking dogs; truck door closing; car horns.
Sunday 14 March,	There was no listening on this date
Monday 15 March, 4:50pm-7:05pm	Electrical saw; air conditioning system equipment; airplane
Tuesday 16 March, 3:20pm-3:35pm	Air conditioning system equipment coming from stores; voices in the distance
Wednesday 17 March, 11:am-11:15am	Electric saw; compressed air; air conditioning system equipment; airplane
Thursday 18 March	There was no listening on this date
Friday 19 March	There was no listening on this date
Saturday 20 March, 11am-11:15am	Airplane; air conditioning system equipment; water falling on the floor
Sunday 21 March	There was no listening on this date
Monday 22 March, 5:15pm-5:30pm	Air conditioning system equipment; garage door open/close warning device

Note: This piece was developed during the Sociology of Music class of the first semester of 2021 taught by Jorge de La Barre at Fluminense Federal University. Almost a year into the pandemic, during the week of Carnaval which, for obvious health and safety reasons, had been canceled in Rio de Janeiro and everywhere else in Brazil, the idea of writing sound reports was launched, in “remote mode.”

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