

# RECORDINGS IN NATURAL CAVES

## PERU

---

### Cueva de las Lechuzas

Parc Nacional de Tingo Maria

RIC-PE1 France 1993

### Cueva de las Lechuzas \*

Guácharo Bird – Recorded in Caves

**Prod:** Gérard Krémer

**Prod. Co:** Production Sunset; Boulogne sur Seine

**Rec. Eng:** Gérard Krémer

**Liner Notes:** (10-page booklet in French & English)

Gérard Krémer

**Time:** 1:06

1. **CD:** AMBIANCES DU MONDE – AMERIQUE LATINE  
Playasound PS 65991 (Tk 10)
2. Compilation **CD:** SOUNDS OF THE WORLD:  
ILLUSTRATIONS SONORES (2001)  
Playasound 360505 (Tk 10)



**Notes:** A notable recording of the sound of the guácharo birds gurgling and scolding vehemently in this Peruvian cave. We also seem to be hearing water running in the background.

This cave is located in the "heart of Peruvian Amazonia" in the Massif de la Bella Dumiente within the Parc Nacional de Tingo Maria, 6 km southwest of Tingo Maria. The cave shelters countless swallows, bats, parrots, and "owls." "Leshuzas" translates as owls and it refers to the oilbirds or guácharo birds.

The guácharo navigate in the cave by echolocation clicks and build their nests in the cave walls. They feed on fruits of peach palm, palm trees, and other plants.



1982 Venezuelan stamp of the Guácharo

*"En el Perú, las principales cuevas donde habita el guácharo son las Cuevas de San Andrés (Cutervo, Cajamarca), la de las Lechuzas (Tingo María, Huánuco), la de Los Tayos (Amazonas) y las de Ninabamba (Cajamarca)."* (Anon. 2008) [In Peru the principal caves where the guácharo live are the Cuevas de San Andrés (Cutervo, Cajamarca), Cuevas de las Lechuzas (Tingo María, Huánuco), Cueva la de Los Tayos (Amazonas), and Cuevas de Ninabamba (Cajamarca).]

A [video](#) looking out toward the cave entrance has the sound of these guácharo birds.

**Ref:** Ambiances du Monde – Amerique Latine CD, [fonoteca.cm.lisboa](http://fonoteca.cm.lisboa)

Anon. 1997, E.R.E., Espeleologia a Hirca 76, *Muntanya*, n. 690, v. 86, Abril 1977, p. 341

Anon. 2008, Cueva de las Lechuzas, Info (in Spanish), [sumagperu](http://sumagperu)

Anon. 2010, Parque Nacional Tingo Maria, Cueva de las Lechuzas (in Spanish), [blogspot.fr](http://blogspot.fr) (◀**VIDEO**)

Kyshakevych, Román Jorge 2010, El guacharo (*Steatornis caripensis*), Description (in Spanish), [alleganygeoquest](http://alleganygeoquest)

Parque Nacional Tingo María, Info (in Spanish), [Wikipedia](http://Wikipedia)