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Telinga Parabolic Microphone Game Changer

Since graduating, Rhythm of Birdsong has taken a back seat. This hasn't been a bad thing though! It has meant that I've been able to pay attention to other aspects of my career while I focus on getting a Job in Conservation. Well, I'm happy to say at this stage that I have got myself a temp Job with the Gwent Wildlife Trust, which actually involves teaching students how to record nature.

I'm taking this opportunity to update my gear because I think my passion has exceeded the quality of my current microphones.

Albeit a small market, I've searched extensively for the specialised Parabolic Microphone setups that are so very crucial for recording birds.

I found 3 companies that sell Parabola's. All of which bring something new/different to the table. Wildtronic's (Us Company), Dodotronic (Italian Company) and the top Dog Telinga (Swedish Company).

I've listened and listened through the demo recordings that each company has provided on soundcloud and despite me enjoying them all, there are clear winners for quality in my opinion.

Wildtronic's have a very useful, ergonomic design that is very practical and can create brilliant results but, the EQ response in my opinion is very unnatural and can appear very harsh in the mid-low frequencies.

Dodotronic's 'HiSound' Stereo/Mono systems are by far the best bang for your buck! The quality of the recordings are right up there with the pro's. The Stereo effect is also very effective giving you a real sensation when listening back. I do worry however about build quality but cannot totally comment on that as I haven't held the item.

Telinga however is highly rated and recommended by all professionals that have used them. I know lots of people that rent them out or borrow them off someone who has one and for good reason! The Microphones they provide are incredible, especially for birdsong. Very low noise flaw coupled with perfectly positioned mic/dish setup that gives you flawless results.

The sound quality really does speak for itself and when things sound this good, they sell themselves. World wide company that has ensured their products are high quality and also built to last.

It is that reason why (despite being very expensive!) I will be going for the Telinga Pro-X system which comes with second generation Parabolic Dish (foldable) and the new Stereo mk ii Mic.