

Re: Portuguese lingual r

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On Jun 6, 8:28 pm, "Ekkehard Dengler" <ED...@xxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

António Marques wrote:

And it turns out that during the last year I've been listening more attentively to speakers, and very many do have a lingual trill for their /r/. Mostly people from the countryside, and, for all I can tell, from every region. And it's a quite unremarkable lingual r. The weird part is that I still don't think it is the same sound that Ruud provided some samples of from RTP news pieces. Which raises the question, are there any other trilled sounds usable as rs, and which are not too different from a lingual trill (less so than the english r, for instance)?

Uvular trills may be less common in Portuguese than is generally thought but they do exist.

Look, Ekkehard made a joke!

Incidentally, have you noticed that people from the southern half (or two thirds) of the country pronounce the <ou> diphthong /o/?

No luck there. I spend quite a lot of time among them. In fact, my dialect is no different in that regard. Still waiting for the spelling mistakes. We're pretty much an illiterate people, but <o> for <ou> appears only twice in a lifetime. I'm suprised that you, who are able to notice that /u/ has a reduced, central-leaning allophone – it would be a much more consistent system if only /U/ were a phoneme, as it stands all vowels come in pairs except u... – should fall prey to the simplistic ideia that there must either be an [ow]/[o] opposition or an [o]/[o] merger, but no other possibility.

I see plenty of spelling mistakes, but seldom if ever toro or coro or loro or tesora or vassora... I've seen professoura – but from someone who *did* say professoura.

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