

Connecting to the Fine Arts Sound Effects Server

This guide explains how to connect and download sound effects on a Fine Arts computer in the EV building. It does not apply to connecting to the SFX server in the FB building.

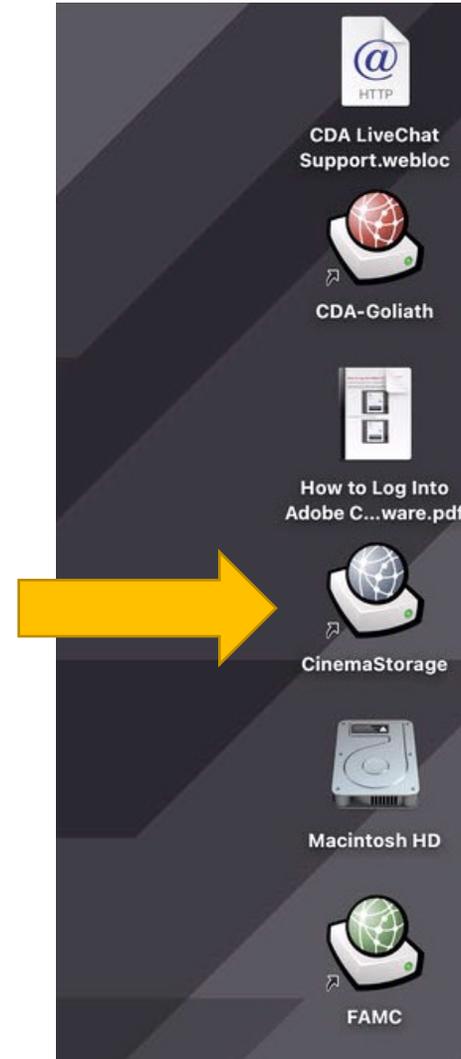
This is a Four Step Process

1. Connect to the SFX Volume on the Cinema Storage Server.
2. Download the Database file for the Metadigger Search Software.
3. Restore the Database in Metadigger.
4. Create a Work Folder in Metadigger to download the effects you want.

The Cinema Storage Server should be on the desktop.

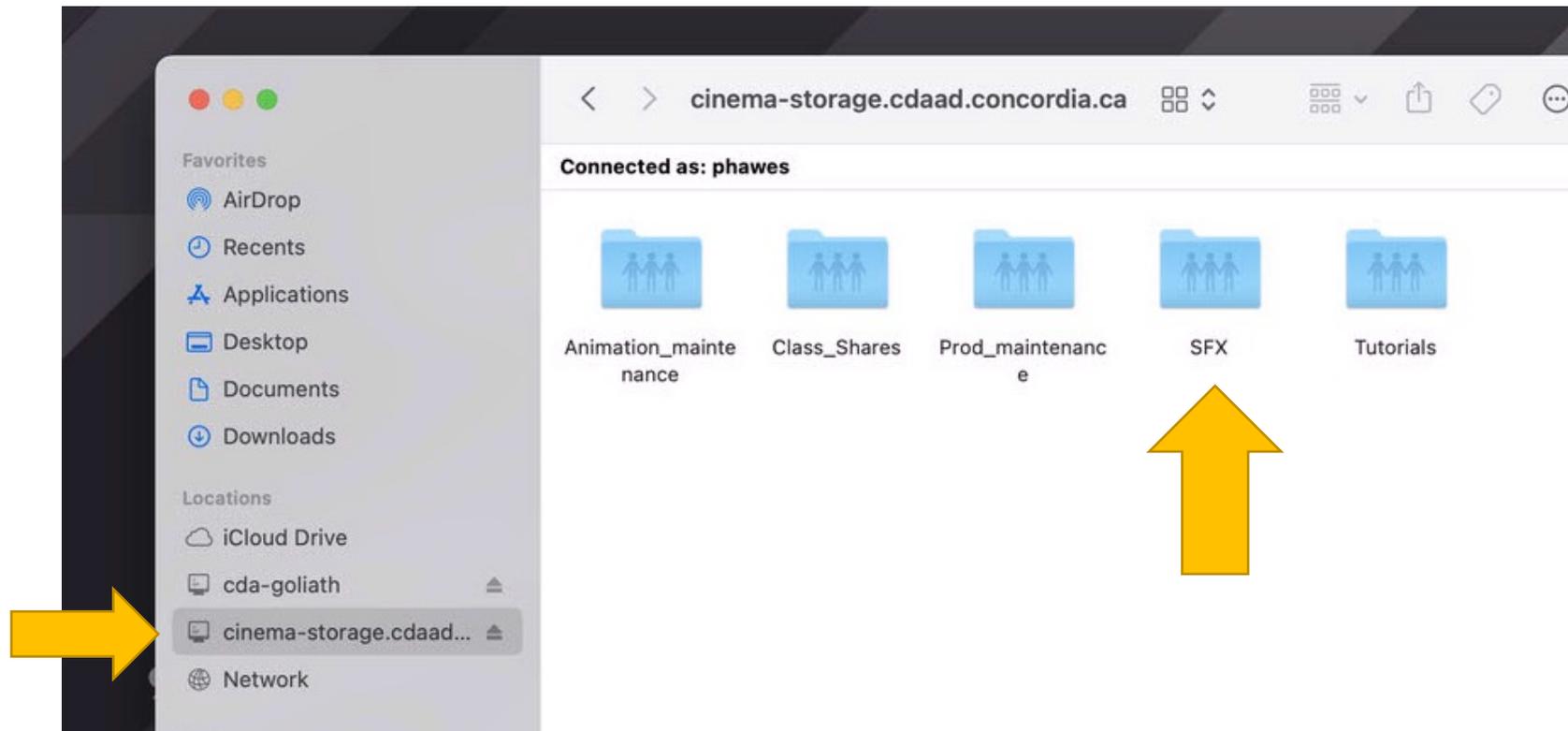
When you log into a CDA computer you are automatically connected to several servers which appear on the desktop.

Click on the Cinema Storage icon to open that server.



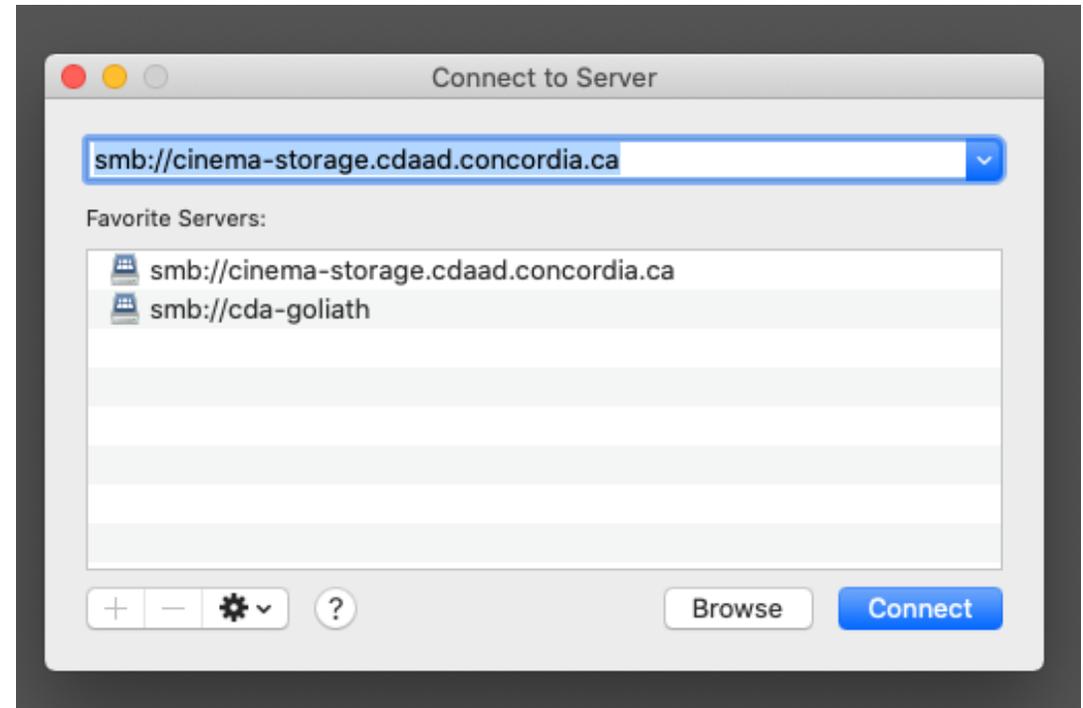
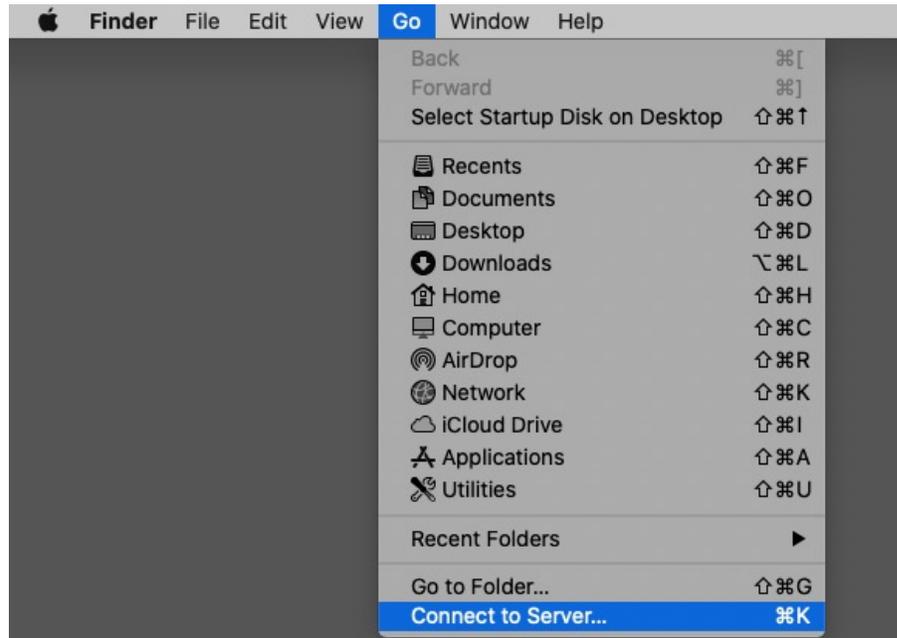
Connect to the SFX Volume of the Cinema Storage server

Open up a Finder Window and navigate to the Cinema Storage location. Connect to the SFX Folder.

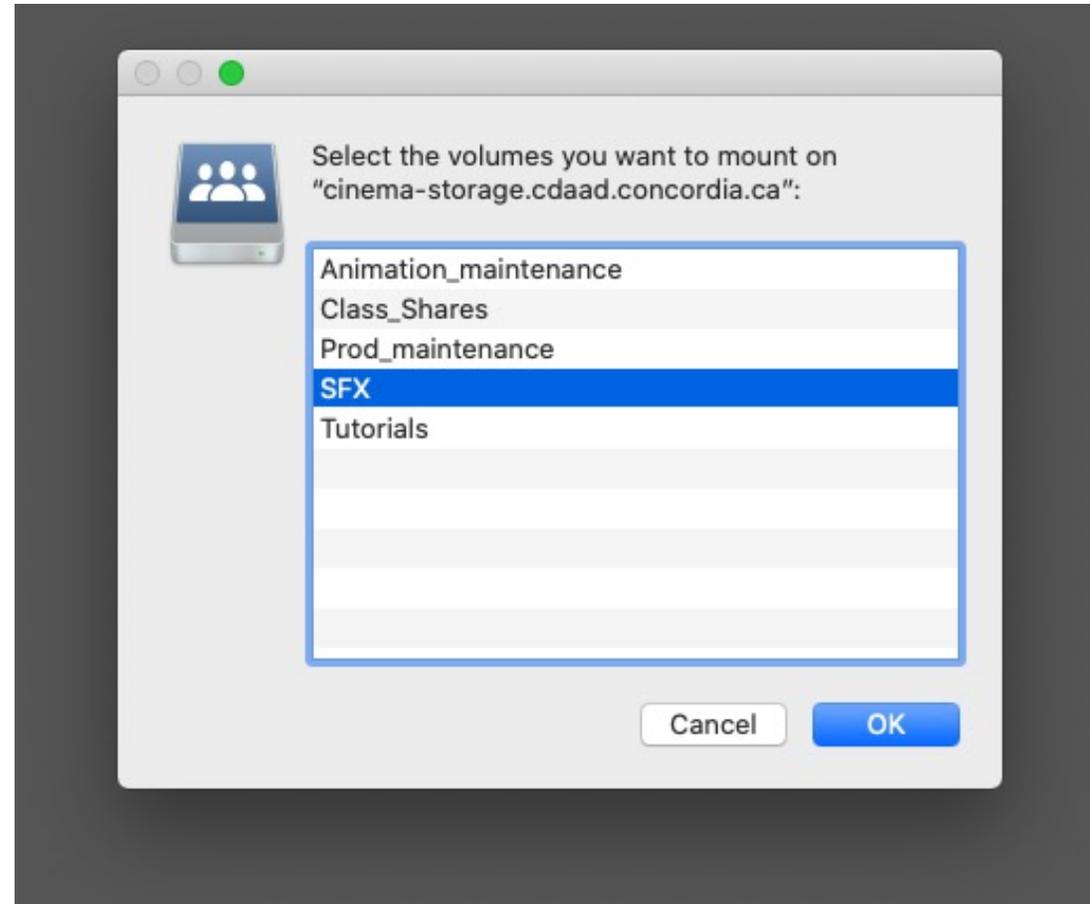


Connect to the SFX Volume of the Cinema Storage server

If for some reason you don't see the icon on the desktop then do the following: Finder/Go/Connect to Server. Then type in the address exactly as it appears here. Enter your CDA account user name and password.

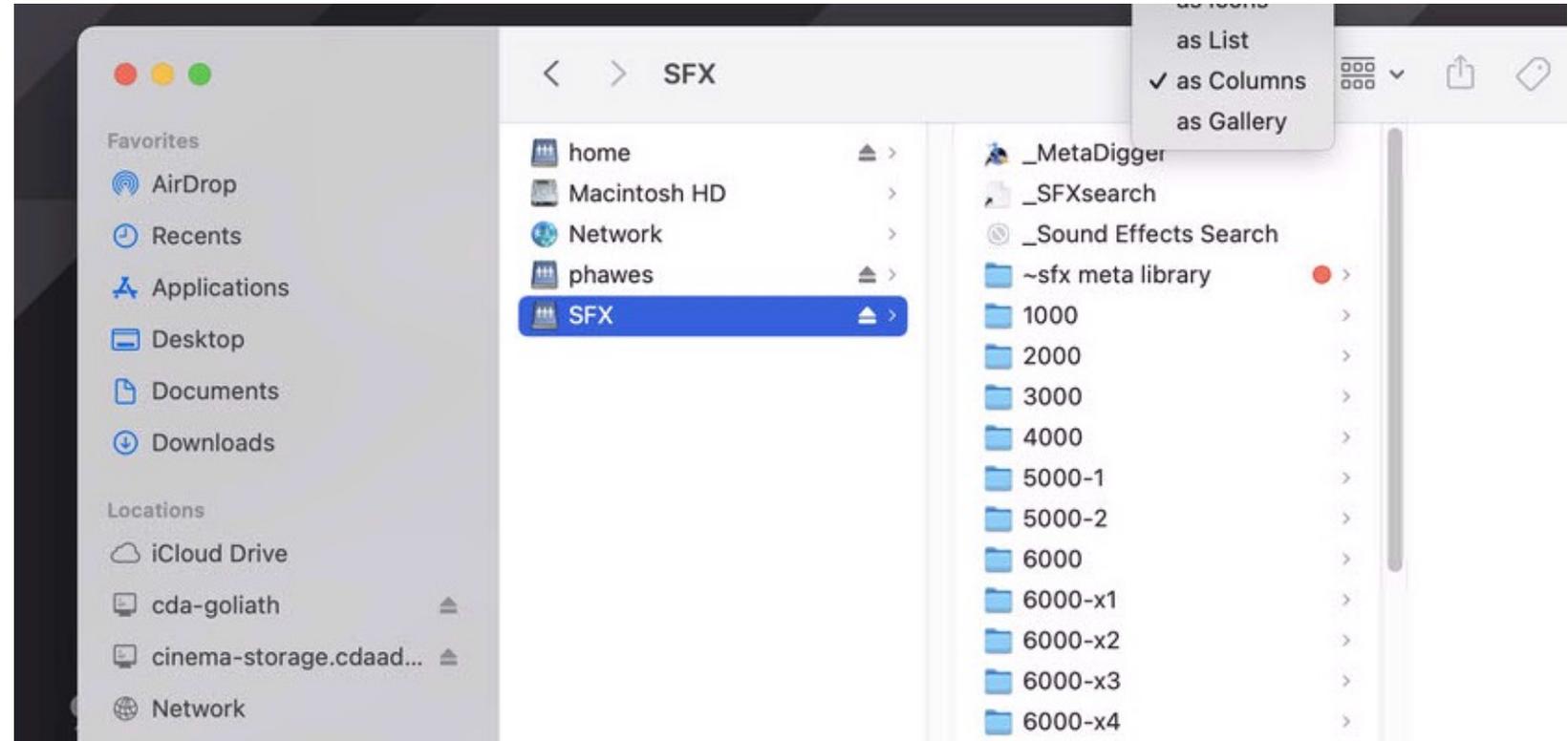


Then connect to the SFX volume on the Cinema server.



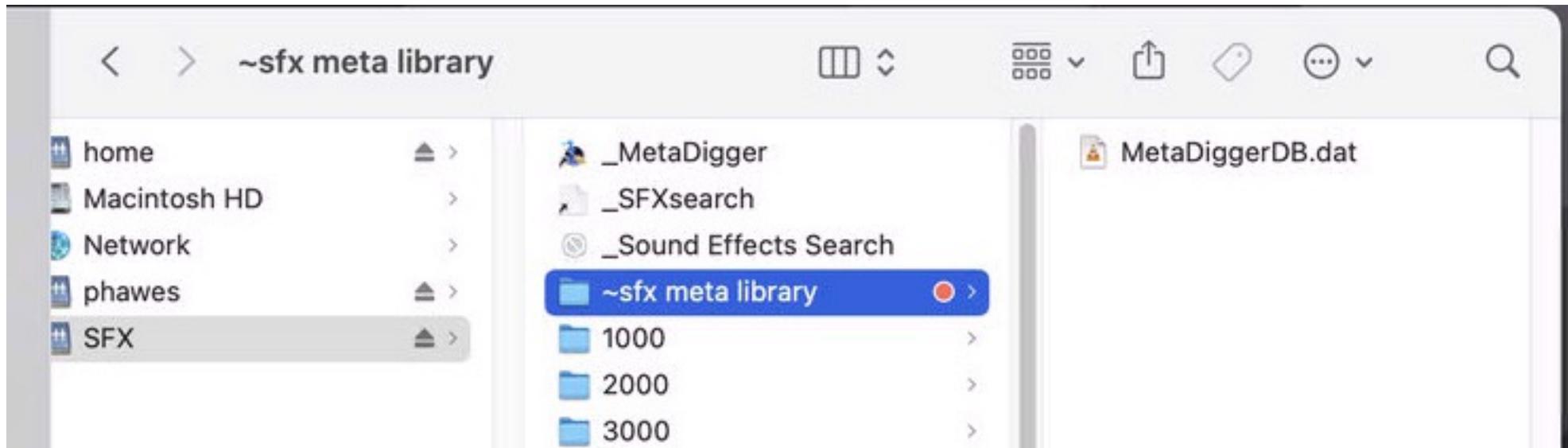
Display the files as list

Once you are connected, it helps to modify the Finder display to show as a list or as columns.



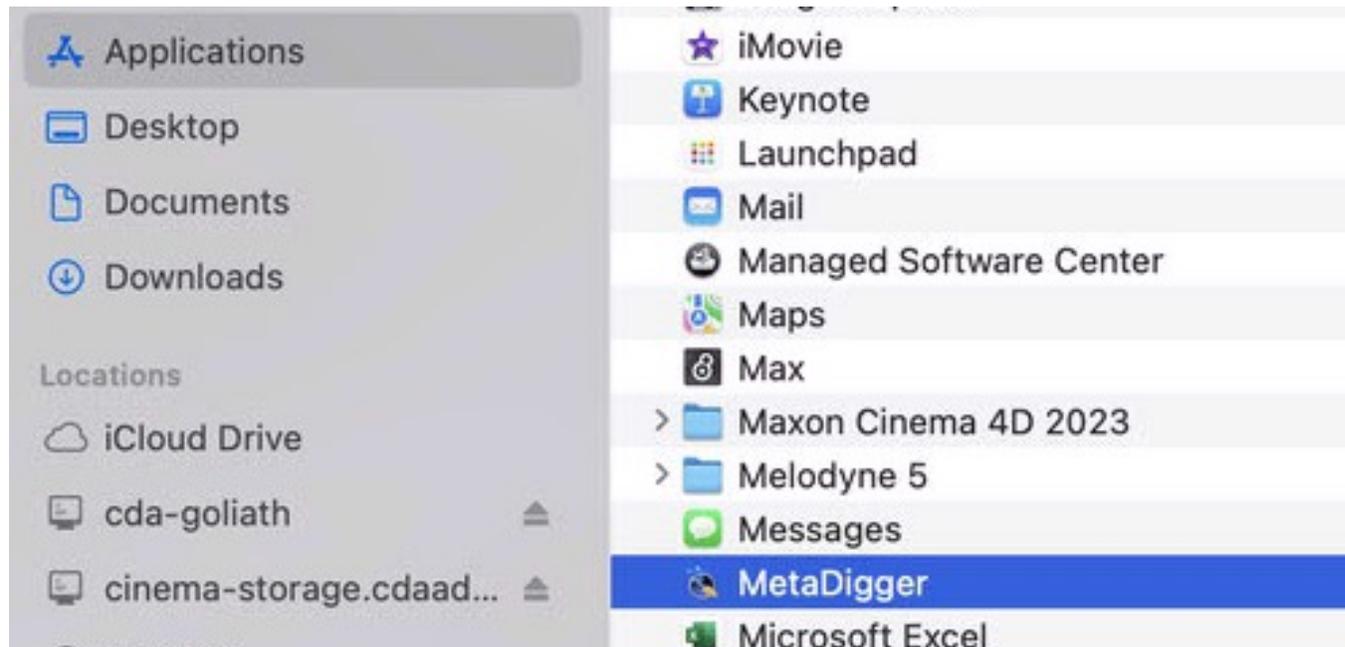
Find the Database file

Look for the MetaDiggerDB.dat file in the folder called ~sfx meta library. Copy that file to the desktop.



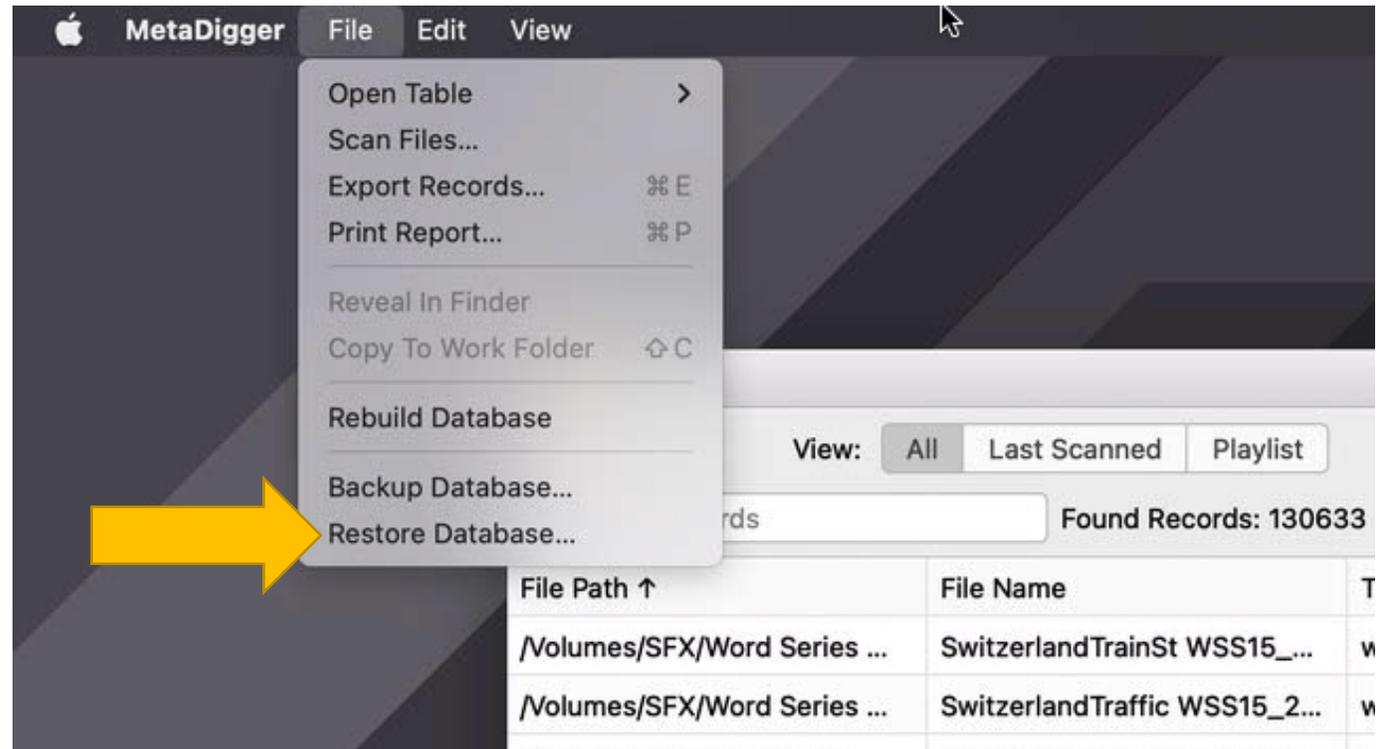
Open the Metadigger software

Metadigger will allow you to search and download sound effects files from the server. All the royalty free sound effects in the Fine Arts server are from the company Sound Ideas.



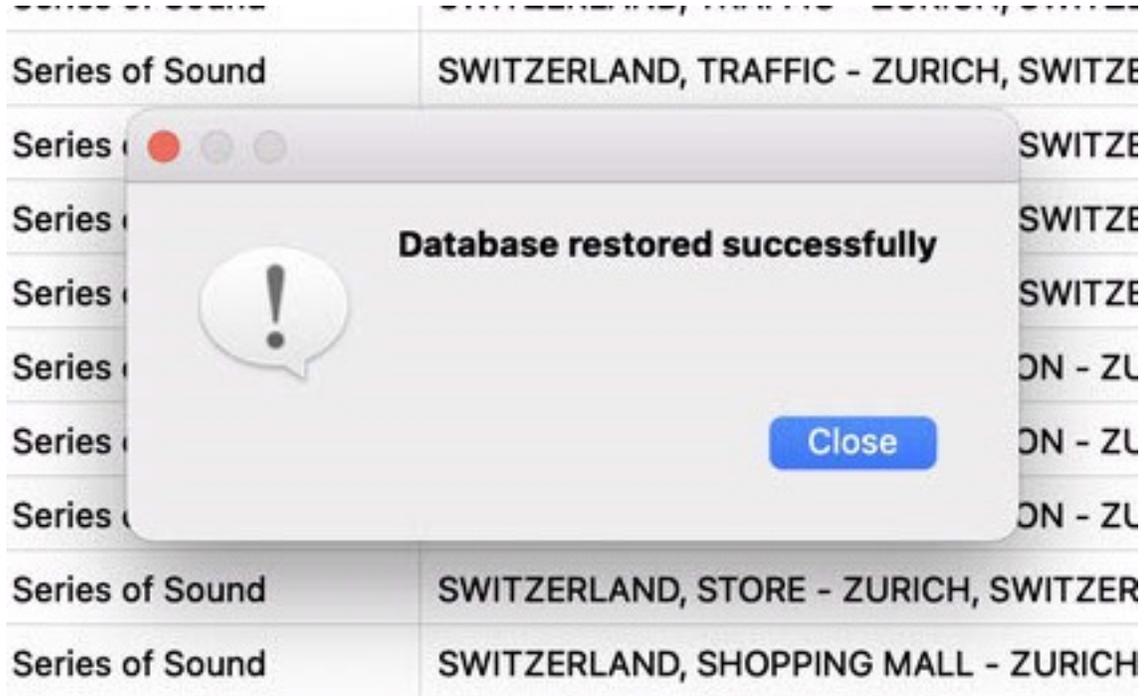
Restore (Import) the database file

In Metadigger, go to
File/Restore Database



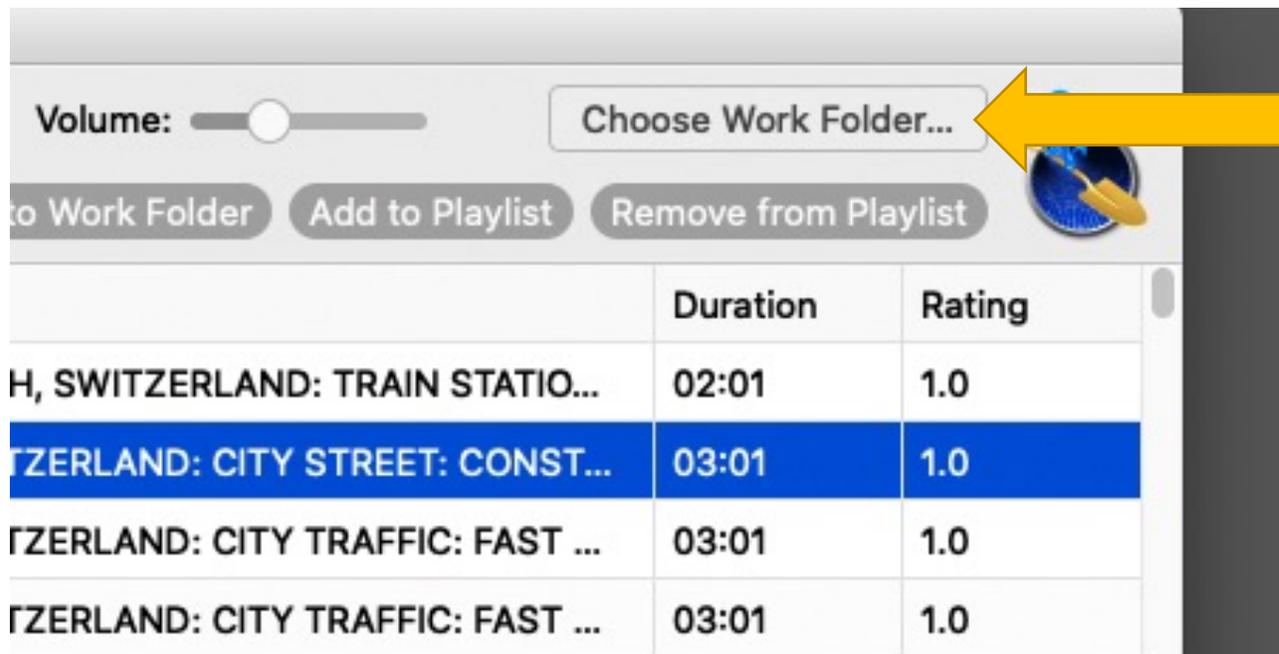
Restore the Database

Choose the .dat file you copied to the desktop. If you imported the file correctly the following message will appear.



Now you are ready to play and copy files.

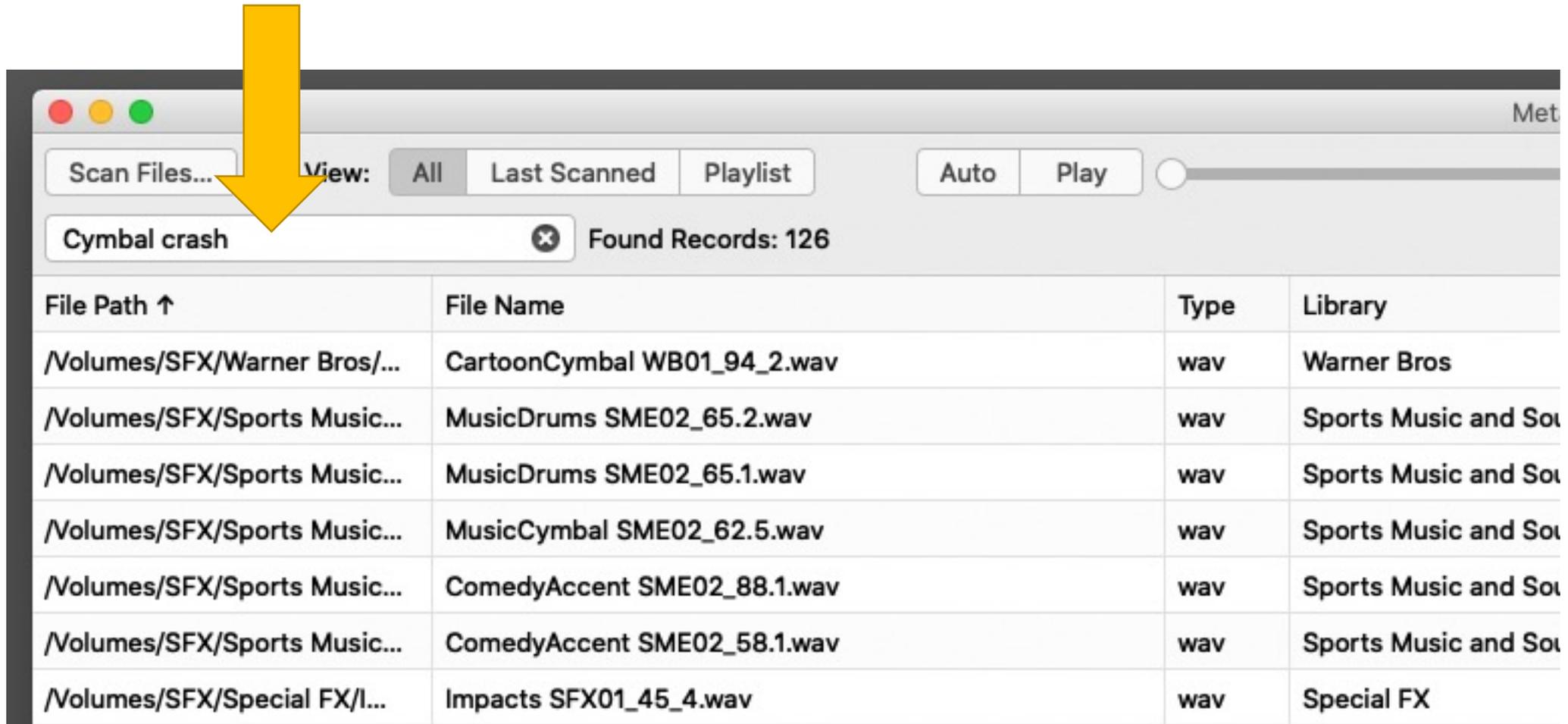
In Metadigger, “choose a work folder”. This means creating a folder on the computer or your external drive where your sound files will be copied.



The screenshot shows the Metadigger application interface. At the top left, there is a volume slider labeled 'Volume:'. To its right is a button labeled 'Choose Work Folder...'. Below these are three buttons: 'to Work Folder', 'Add to Playlist', and 'Remove from Playlist'. A yellow arrow points to the 'Choose Work Folder...' button. Below the buttons is a table with columns for file names, Duration, and Rating.

	Duration	Rating
H, SWITZERLAND: TRAIN STATIO...	02:01	1.0
TZERLAND: CITY STREET: CONST...	03:01	1.0
FZERLAND: CITY TRAFFIC: FAST ...	03:01	1.0
FZERLAND: CITY TRAFFIC: FAST ...	03:01	1.0

Search for a particular sound.



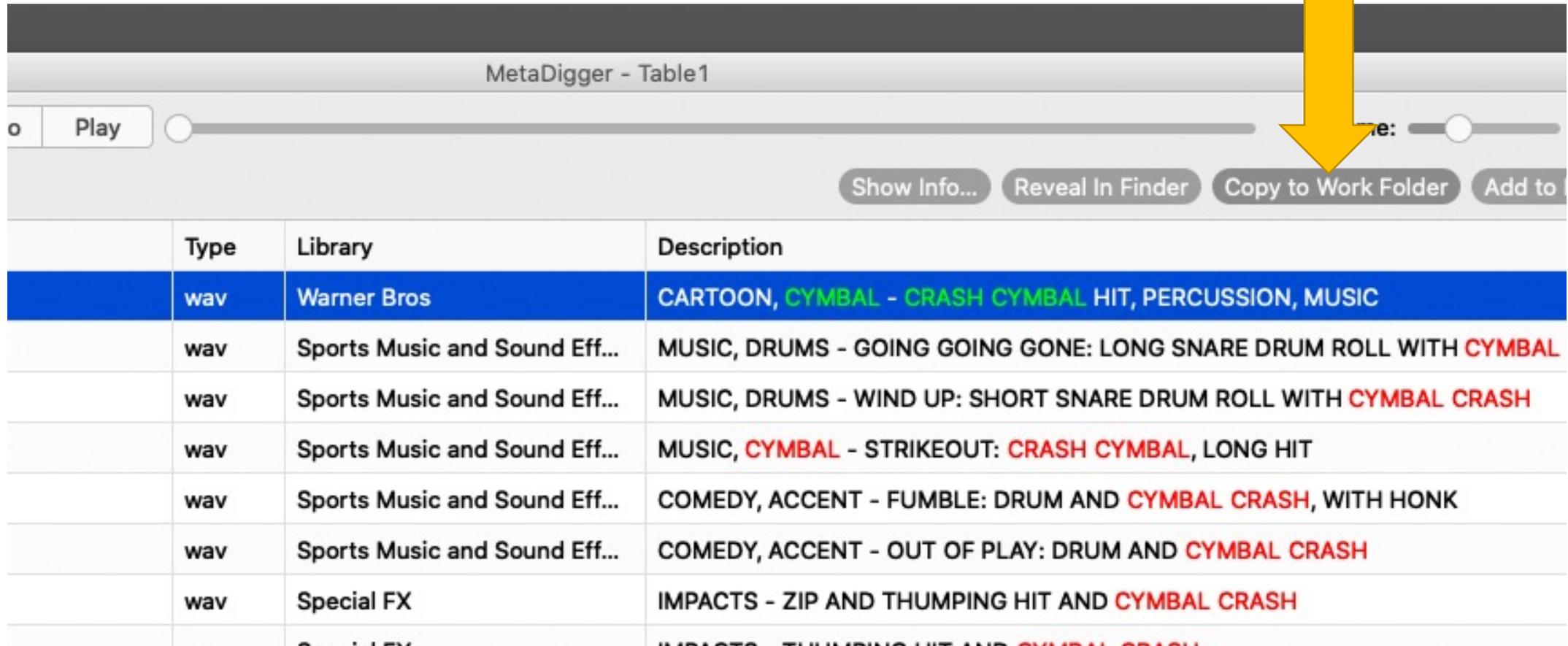
A screenshot of a sound library application interface. A large yellow arrow points to the search input field, which contains the text "Cymbal crash". To the right of the search field, it says "Found Records: 126". Below the search bar is a table with four columns: "File Path", "File Name", "Type", and "Library". The table lists several sound files, including "CartoonCymbal WB01_94_2.wav", "MusicDrums SME02_65.2.wav", "MusicDrums SME02_65.1.wav", "MusicCymbal SME02_62.5.wav", "ComedyAccent SME02_88.1.wav", "ComedyAccent SME02_58.1.wav", and "Impacts SFX01_45_4.wav".

Scan Files... View: All Last Scanned Playlist Auto Play

Cymbal crash Found Records: 126

File Path ↑	File Name	Type	Library
/Volumes/SFX/Warner Bros/...	CartoonCymbal WB01_94_2.wav	wav	Warner Bros
/Volumes/SFX/Sports Music...	MusicDrums SME02_65.2.wav	wav	Sports Music and Sou
/Volumes/SFX/Sports Music...	MusicDrums SME02_65.1.wav	wav	Sports Music and Sou
/Volumes/SFX/Sports Music...	MusicCymbal SME02_62.5.wav	wav	Sports Music and Sou
/Volumes/SFX/Sports Music...	ComedyAccent SME02_88.1.wav	wav	Sports Music and Sou
/Volumes/SFX/Sports Music...	ComedyAccent SME02_58.1.wav	wav	Sports Music and Sou
/Volumes/SFX/Special FX/l...	Impacts SFX01_45_4.wav	wav	Special FX

Play the sound and then Copy to Work Folder.



The screenshot shows the MetaDigger application window titled "MetaDigger - Table1". At the top, there is a "Play" button and a progress slider. Below the slider are four buttons: "Show Info...", "Reveal In Finder", "Copy to Work Folder", and "Add to...". A yellow arrow points down to the "Copy to Work Folder" button. Below the buttons is a table with the following columns: Type, Library, and Description.

Type	Library	Description
wav	Warner Bros	CARTOON, CYMBAL - CRASH CYMBAL HIT, PERCUSSION, MUSIC
wav	Sports Music and Sound Eff...	MUSIC, DRUMS - GOING GOING GONE: LONG SNARE DRUM ROLL WITH CYMBAL
wav	Sports Music and Sound Eff...	MUSIC, DRUMS - WIND UP: SHORT SNARE DRUM ROLL WITH CYMBAL CRASH
wav	Sports Music and Sound Eff...	MUSIC, CYMBAL - STRIKEOUT: CRASH CYMBAL, LONG HIT
wav	Sports Music and Sound Eff...	COMEDY, ACCENT - FUMBLE: DRUM AND CYMBAL CRASH, WITH HONK
wav	Sports Music and Sound Eff...	COMEDY, ACCENT - OUT OF PLAY: DRUM AND CYMBAL CRASH
wav	Special FX	IMPACTS - ZIP AND THUMPING HIT AND CYMBAL CRASH

The audio file will copy from the server to the computer or your external drive.

wav	L2 Library	AFRICA: DAY AMBIENCE: BIRDS, INSECTS, ANIMALS, FORESTS, JUNGLES & SW.
wav	Just Birds and Animals	MARSH, DAY - AFTERNOON MARSH AMBIENCE: WHIPPOORWILL, FROGS, LIGH
		MARSH, DAY - EARLY MORNING MARSH AMBIENCE: HEAVY MIXTURE OF FROG
		, INSECTS, FORI
		HEAVY INSECTS,
		INSTANT BIRDS F
		S, WIND THROL
		BIENCE, HEAVY
wav	Just Birds and Animals	FOREST, DAY - WESTERN AUSTRALIA: EARLY MORNING FOREST AMBIENCE: HI

Copying Media Files to Work Folder

Files copied: 0 of 1 Elapsed Time: 00:00:06

Open work folder when finished

[Cancel](#)

For more information, watch the tutorial.

Watch the tutorial on the Sound Ideas Page:

<https://www.sound-ideas.com/Page/metadigger-data-management-software>