Animal Sounds in Spanish

If a cow says "moo" in English, what does she say in Spanish? Mu, of course. But when we're talking about sounds that animals make, it isn't always that simple. Although the words we give to animal sounds are an example of onomatopoeia, those sounds aren't perceived the same in all languages or all cultures. The following list shows the sounds made by various "Spanish-speaking" animals. Special verb forms, where they exist, are in parenthesis following the word(s) for the sound. English forms follow the dash:

abeja (bee): bzzz (zumbar) — buzz
búho (owl): uu uu (ulular) — who, hoo, hoot
burro (donkey): iii-aah (rebuazar) — heehaw
caballo (horse): jiiiiiii, iiiiiou (relinchar) — neigh, n-a-a-a-y
cabra (goat): bee bee (balar) — b-a-a-a-a
cerdo (pig): oink-oink, oinc-oinc (grunir) — oink
cuco (cuckoo): cúcu-cúcu — cuckoo
cuervo (crow): cruacac-cruaaca — caw
gallina (hen): coc co coc (cacarear), kara-kara-kara-kara — cluck
gallo (rooster): kikiriki, ki-kiri-ki (cantar) — cock-a-doodle-doo
gato (cat): miau (maullar) — meow
león (lion): grrrr, grgrgr (rugir) — roar, growl
oveja (sheep): bee, mee (balar) — b-a-a-a-h
mono (monkey): i-i-i
paloma (dove): cu-curru-cú (arrullar) — coo
pato (duck): cuac cuac — quack
pavo (turkey): gluglú — gobble
perro (dog): guau guau, guau (ladrar) — bark, bow-wow, arf, ruff
pollito (chick): pío pío — chirp
rana (frog): cruá cruá, berp, croac (croar) — ribbit, croak
tigre (tiger): ggggrrrrr, grgrgr (rugir) — roar, growl
vaca (cow): mu, muuu (mugir) — moo

*Keep in mind that some of these terms can vary by country, and that there very well may be other terms in use. That shouldn't be surprising — after all, in English we use words such as "bark," "bow-wow," "ruff-ruff" and "arf" to imitate the sound of a dog. There also may be a variety of spelling alternatives. Note also that in Spanish it is possible to use the verb hacer to put a sound in verb form. For example, one could say "the pig oinks" by saying "el cerdo hace oink-oink."