PEST ALERT!
Stop the Spread of Coqui in Hawaii

Description

Color: The coqui is a small light-brown to dark-colored frog with variable patterns including a light stripe down the middle of its back.

Size: Adult frogs measure up to 2 inches.

Origin: Native to Puerto Rico.

Habits: Coqui remain hidden during the day in leaf litter. Adult males emerge into the trees at night calling “ko-kee” to attract females.

Females lay their eggs among cuplike vegetation. Juvenile frogs hatch in 2-3 weeks; there is no tadpole stage.

Mating Call: The mating call of the male coqui is similar to a two-note bird-like chirp or whistle, which starts at dusk and may continue throughout the night.

Populations: May exceed 10,000 frogs per acre. Noise level of 80-90 decibels, comparable to that produced by a lawnmower.

What To Do

If you hear a bird-like call or whistle during evening hours, find the coqui by using a flashlight to locate the frog, capture by hand (the coqui is non-toxic) or use a jar with lid to contain the animal.

Do not transport the coqui from the area. Call the Hawaii Department of Agriculture’s PEST HOTLINE immediately at:

- Oahu - 586-PEST (7378)
- Big Island - 974-4000 ext. 67378
- Maui - 984-2400 ext. 67378
- Kauai - 274-3141 ext. 67378
- Molokai & Lanai - 1-800-468-4644 ext. 67378

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