

# 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 -**  
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