

## Coqui Frog Information

[The following information was sent to all Homeowners on our Outreach Committee's e-mail E-blast Announcements.]

The mating call of male coqui frogs, which typically begins at sunset and continues throughout the night, can reach sound levels of 80 – 90 decibels (at 0.5 m). A female coqui can lay 30 to 50 eggs per month with 90 percent of the eggs hatching within three to four weeks. About half of those hatchlings will be female and sexually mature in one year.

Tips for eliminating coqui frogs in your area:

- At night, slowly follow the sound. Coqui frogs like crotches in trees, large leaves like banana, stem/leaf joints on ginger. When you move, it stops making noise.
- If the frog goes silent, step back, turn off your light and wait. You may need to tag the spot and return later. Coqui frogs are territorial and usually return to the same or a nearby perch after being disturbed.
- Play the [Coqui Audio File](#) to mimic the sound of a coqui frog. It will get your frog to chirp and make it easier to find! It can help to record the call on your smart phone and play it back to get a response from the frog.
- When you finally get right next to it, turn on a light (Use a headlamp to keep hands free) and grab it quickly between both hands, carefully put in ziplock bag, then throw it in the freezer.
- Spray surrounding area with citric acid to kill eggs and silent coqui.
- If you absolutely can't localize it, you can just spray the whole bush with citric acid (available with mixing instructions at Farm & Garden in new industrial).
- Mix citric acid (2 cups/gallon of water) in a sprayer. Wear gloves and safety glasses.
- Spray MUST touch frog, so spray at night after locating frogs. Do NOT spray when it's raining.
- Drench ground first so jumping frogs will land in citric acid.

- Slowly work your way upward, thoroughly soaking all vegetation to kill frogs and eggs.

- Citric acid can cause some plants to yellow. These can be washed with water an hour after contact with the spray.

We are looking for volunteers to form a Coqui Control Group Committee to eliminate coqui from our community. Please contact the Outreach Committee to volunteer or report coqui at [Outreach@PualaniEstatesAtKona.com](mailto:Outreach@PualaniEstatesAtKona.com).

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