

# COQUI FROGS

Aloha Kehalani Homeowners,

This message is to inform the homeowners about the coqui frog situation in general and to update everyone with the latest information concerning the coqui threat in Kehalani.

In May 2019 a coqui frog was located in the backyard of a Milo Court townhouse. This is the 4th coqui frog in and immediately adjacent to Kehalani over the last 12 months (two frogs removed from Kamani at Kehalani, this Milo Court frog, and a frog in the backyard of a Main Street Wailuku home adjacent to the Kamani at Kehalani perimeter fence). All four frogs have been removed.

Homeowners in the Kamani and Milo Court subdivisions especially need to be very alert to hearing any coqui frogs as often when one is found there are others nearby. However all homeowners in Kehalani need to be alert.

**If you think you have heard a coqui frog please contact the Maui Invasive Species Committee via their website coqui reporting page:**

<https://mauiinvasive.org/coqui-frog/>

**or by phone at:  
(808) 573-6472**

What does a coqui sound like ? Often the sound is mistaken for birds or lizards so to recognize the sound of a coqui we would like to ask every homeowner to go to this youtube link to see and listen to the sound of a coqui.

An audio-video recording of one coqui frog:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DpxCwCh9Q2w>

The sooner a frog is found and removed the less the risk that he has mated with a female.

On average each female coqui will produce 1,500 eggs every year ! (Only the male frogs make the call, female frogs are silent).

A coqui frog infestation causes loss of sleep, and a potential steep drop in property values. State law requires that any property seller disclose to buyers that their area has coqui frogs.

It is relatively easy to remove one or two coqui frogs. It is very difficult but possible to remove 20 frogs but if we end up with 500 frogs our long term future will be very noisy.

The coqui frogs have a very loud call and they multiply very rapidly. Currently, according to the Maui Invasive Species Committee, it is estimated that there are over 100,000 of these frogs in the Maliko Gulch (along Hana Highway, just past Ho'okipa Beach Park) and they have made life miserable for the residents of nearby Haiku because of the noise they create at night. The best way to protect our community from these frogs is to be informed and aware.

Here is a recording of the sound of coqui frogs in Hilo Hawaii where they now have hundreds of thousands of coqui frogs:

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=SlOroJSbQ9c>

A message from the MISC (Maui Invasive Species Committee):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=acu1IULNlos>



We recommend that you only purchase plants and trees sold by nurseries certified by the Maui Invasive Species Committee as coqui free (because a major source of spread of the frogs is that they hide within tree branches and other plants).

<http://mauiinvasive.org/coqui-frog/coqui-free-businesses/>

Participation in the program is available to any commercial plant provider on Maui. However, MISC reserves the right to discontinue the certification program and / or all related advertising at any time. Furthermore, MISC is responsible for the final determination of whether a participating business meets, or does not meet the

**“Coqui-free” standards. The “Program Details” section outlines the standards for participation**