

How to Catch a Coqui!

- Equipment: headlamp and ziplock bags
- Follow the sound (only males sing). If possible, keep your light off until you think you are very close to the sound. Walk quietly and slowly.
- If he goes silent, stop and wait till he calls again. If you whistle a single, quiet note, like the first note of the coqui call, it might respond. This takes patience!
- When you are close enough, turn on your headlamp. Direct the beam just to the side of the frog so you have enough light to see him, but not too much light, which might spook him.
- Clap him between both hands. Be sure one hand will block him if he jumps.
- Carefully put him in a bag. Put the bag in the freezer.
- Look around the area for silent females and eggs. Remove them, too.

**This takes practice.*

*** After you hear a frog at night, go back during daylight to check the terrain. Be sure you have permission to be on the property.*

More information on coqui control is available at:

<http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/coqui/control.asp>

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