

“I hear a coqui on my street! What do I do?”

Here's what worked in one Waimea neighborhood:

1. Start talking to your neighbors. One frog leads to many, so getting educated and getting organized are critical.
2. Hold a neighborhood meeting at your house or someone else's (it doesn't have to be fancy). Set a meeting time about 2 weeks ahead when someone can come speak to your group.*
3. Make a flyer for the meeting time (link to flyer template).
4. Knock on doors up and down your street, collecting names, phone numbers and emails. Hand out the flyer and urge people to come to the meeting.
5. Before the meeting, pinpoint location of any frogs you've heard and get permission to go on the property.
6. Put a sign by the street early on the morning of the meeting to remind people as they leave for work and to attract people who may have missed you when you were knocking on doors.
7. During the meeting, emphasize that this is a long-term effort that will require cooperation and vigilance, but that it WILL succeed in preventing Waimea from turning into Hilo, Puna, etc.
8. After all questions are answered, go out with any or all attendees and capture some frogs! (Link to How to Catch a Coqui)
9. Continue monitoring (walk the street at different hours of the night). If you hear another frog, see #5. Then go get it!
10. Report frog “sightings” and captures to Waimea Community Association, wcapres@hawaiiantel.net.

p.s. If all of the above is too much for you, go out, listen for the frog and locate it, get permission to go on the property, and then catch it. See waimeatown.org for “How to Catch a Coqui.”