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Thursday, June 14th, 2012

***7:00 - 8:00 PM**

Mokupāpapa Discovery Center, Hilo

FREE EVENT

“The Native Hawaiian Bat”

Frank Bonaccorso, USGS

Topics Include:

- Diet
- Vocalization
- Dispersal and Evolution
- Roosting
- Reproduction



Hawaii's only native land mammal is the Hawaiian Hoary Bat, known in the Hawaiian language as the *ope'ape'a*. This lecture will additionally explore scenarios that may explain how the ancestors of this bat successfully colonized Hawaii from the distant shores of North America.

** Following the talk, if the weather is good, we will take a walk to look and listen for bats at the Hilo High School athletic fields. Bring your binoculars!*