Unknown Flying Creature in Texas

(ksn) A new theory to explain the mysterious dancing lights of Marfa, Texas, has been suggested by a cryptozoologist in California. Jonathan Whitcomb, of Long Beach, compares the ***Marfa Lights***, sometimes called "ghost lights," of southwest Texas to flying lights, in the southwest Pacific, called "ropen" in Papua New Guinea. According to natives of those tropical islands, the ropen is a large flying creature. Those few eyewitnesses who have seen it describe a giant pterosaur-like animal, with no feathers and a long tail. In Texas, some eyewitnesses have described a long-tailed "pterodactyl."

Whitcomb says, "It may not be a coincidence that a few Texans have seen apparent living pterosaurs and many Texans have seen flying lights that seem to move intelligently; in some remote tropical islands, a few natives have seen similar large featherless flying creatures and many natives have seen similar lights." The cryptozoology author believes that bioluminescent flying creatures in Texas may be hunting and eating the *Big Brown Bat*, in addition to other small animals of southwest Texas; in Papua New Guinea, the *ropen* may feed mostly on reef fish or clams. Whitcomb had explored Umboi Island in 2004, interviewing natives.