Australian tortoise beetle
(*Trachymela sloanei*)

- Native to Australia, now widespread in S CA.
- Hosts: Red gum eucalyptus (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*); Blue gum eucalyptus (*E. globulus*); and Rose gum eucalyptus (*E. grandis*).
- Field ID: Adults about 6-7 mm long, brown with darker mottled spots, hemispherical and flattened underneath. Legs with tarsomeres bilobed and covered ventrally with a thick set of bristles. Larvae brown, caterpillar-like, with black head and three small pairs of legs on thorax, and sclerotized tubercles along the body. Elliptical, orange eggs are laid in crevices or fissures in or under bark. Both adults and larvae feed on foliage during the night.