Australian tortoise beetle (*Trachymela sloanei*)

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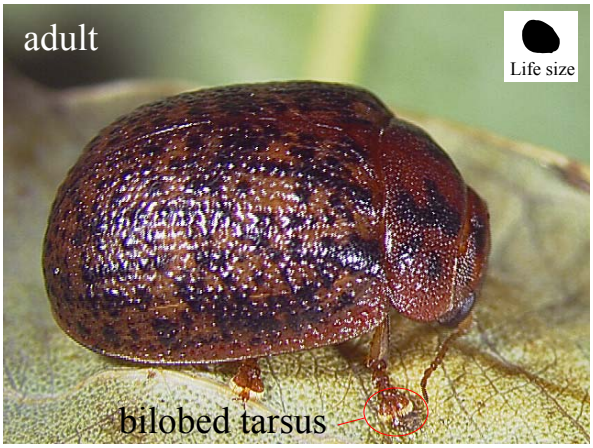
- Native to Australia, now widespread in S CA.
- Hosts: Red gum eucalyptus (*Eucalyptus camaldulensis*); Blue gum eucalyptus (*E. globulus*); and Rose gum eucalyptus (*E. grandis*).
- Field ID: Adults about 6-7 mm long, **brown with darker mottled spots**, hemispherical and flattened underneath. Legs 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.



Damage on *E. camaldulensis*