

Green fig beetle

(*Cotinus mutabilis*)

- ❑ Native to Arizona and New Mexico, now widespread and common in southern CA.
- ❑ Hosts: Backyard fruit trees such as Fig; Apricot; Peach; Nectarine; also Grape and Cactus fruit. Do not feed on healthy fruit, only on fruits already damaged.
- ❑ Field ID: Adult about 20- 30 mm long; head, thorax and top of wing covers olive green, sides of wing covers orange, and underside of body metallic green. Lays eggs in compost piles, litter and manure, where white-grub larvae live; larva C-shaped, up to 50 mm long, and crawls on its back. Mistakenly called 'Japanese beetle' by some people

