

# Madagascar for Real



Tortoise beetle from rainforest in Marojeiy National Park. (David Parks photo)

Tortoise beetles are mostly small members of the leaf beetle family (Chrysomelidae) and, as is typical for this family, feed on leaves both as larvae and adults.



Tortoise beetle (Cassidinae, Chrysomelidae) from dry tropical forest at Ankarafantsika National Park. (David Parks photo)

Many tortoise beetles have bright metallic colors that depend on body fluids and fade when the animals die.