

Copperback root beetle

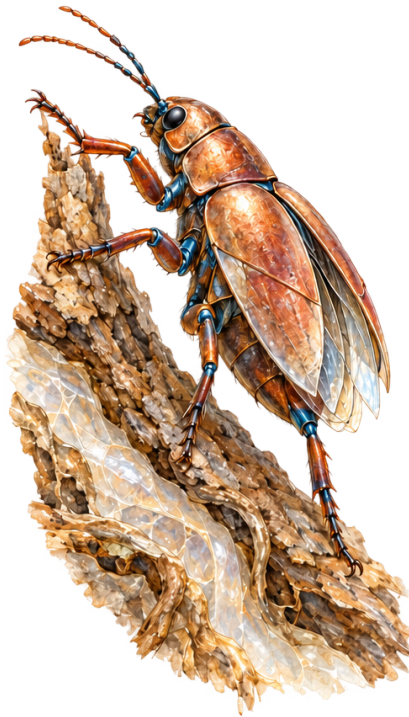
The Rootglass Gallery

THREE FORMS



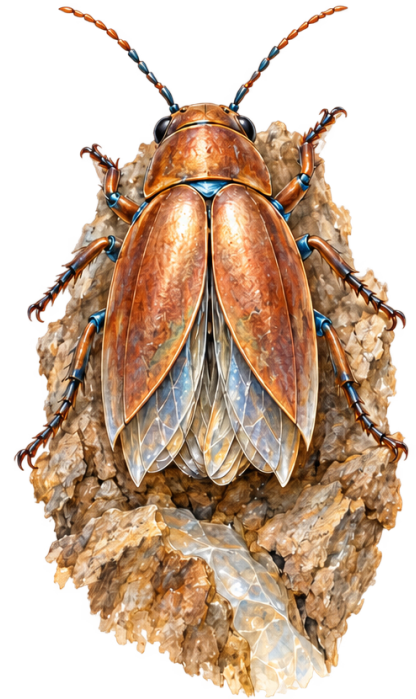
Root-Bark Beetle

The thumb-sized beetle folds six legs close to bark, with blue visible at the joints.



Copperback Listener

The front pair of legs rises; the wing cases part to reveal a translucent edge.



Glass-Wing Beetle

Wing cases open in a still arch; the partly folded inner wings remain above six grounded legs.

Three authored forms of an imagined species. Illustrations are not to a common scale.

Habitat

Rough copper-brown bark in the Rootglass Gallery, away from the walking ledge. The beetle rests against the exposed roots of the dry rift.

Identifying features

Thumb-sized six-legged beetle with a copper segmented back, blue joint membranes and delicate translucent wing edges.

Character & musical voice

Counts a small sequence on bark, answers with a longer offbeat, then opens its wing cases in a still tableau. Warm low woodblock with a tiny glass overtone.