

## Fireflies

### **Dust yellow firefly / *Curtos costipennis* / Kiirosuji-hotaru / キイロスジボタル**

This is one of eight species of firefly on Amami-Oshima. It has a yellow body about 6 millimeters long, and the head, legs, and wing tips are black. It is terrestrial during the larval stage, and feeds on snails. The dust yellow firefly emits a weak light that is steady, rather than blinking, and can be seen in the summer.

### **Amami heavenly firefly / *Pyrocoelia oshimana* / Amami mado-hotaru / アマミマドホタル**

Another of Amami-Oshima's eight species of firefly, the Amami heavenly firefly has a black body, an orange head, and long antennae. As with all fireflies, the light in its abdomen comes from a chemical reaction it controls by regulating oxygen flow. It is terrestrial during the larval stage. The best location for spotting Amami-Oshima's fireflies is on the Santaro Pass road after nightfall.