

# Physemothrips hadrus

## Distinguishing features

Both sexes apterous. Very similar to *Physemothrips chrysodermus* in body form and sculpture, but with antennal segment III more than 3.0 times as long as wide instead of only 2.5 times.

## Related species

Antennal segment III longer than in *chrysodermus*, the only other member of this genus.

## Biological data

Feeding on the leaves of native grasses (Poaceae).

## Distribution data

Known only from the Northern subantarctic islands. Described from Big South Cape Island, New Zealand, and subsequently recorded from The Snares and Auckland Islands.

## Family name

THRIPIDAE, THRIPINAE

## Species name

*Physemothrips hadrus* Mound

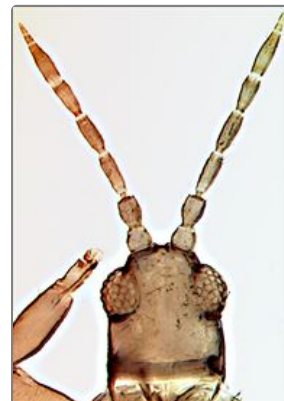
## Original name and synonyms

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Antenna



Female tergites VII-X



Male tergites VIII-IX