

Anaphothrips badius

Distinguishing features

Both sexes fully winged. Body, legs and antennae brown, antennal segments III–IV paler, II dark brown; fore wing light brown. Antennae 9-segmented, segment VI with a complete slightly oblique suture; segments III–IV with small forked sense cone. Head without long setae; ocellar setae III arising well outside ocellar triangle; maxillary palps 3-segmented. Pronotum without long setae. Metanotum reticulate, median setae well behind anterior margin, campaniform sensilla present. Fore wing with veinal setae shorter than half of wing width, first vein with 2 setae on distal half, second vein with 8–10 equally spaced setae. Abdominal tergites medially with no sculpture lines; tergite VIII with complete posteromarginal comb of long slender microtrichia.

Male with sternites III–VII each with small round to oval pore plate.

Related species

Almost 80 species from around the world are currently placed in *Anaphothrips*, but only two are established in Britain, with a further five species recorded from elsewhere in Europe (zur Strassen, 2003). There are 17 *Anaphothrips* species known from North America, all living on grasses (Nakahara, 1995), and 43 from Australia, mostly living on plants other than grasses (Mound & Masumoto, 2009). *A. badius* is similar in structure to the more common *obscurus*, but is a much darker species.

Biological data

Presumably feeding and breeding on leaves, and associated with *Phragmites* [Poaceae] and *Carex* [Cyperaceae], but the larvae have not been recorded in Britain.

Distribution data

Collected at only four locations in England between 1912 and 1961, including the type population from Wicken Fen, Cambridgeshire (Williams, 1913), and also West London, Oxfordshire and Northumberland (Mound *et al.*, 1976). Recorded in Central and Eastern Europe south from Norway, and also from Spain.

Family name

THRIPIDAE - THRIPINAE

Species name

Anaphothrips badius (Williams)

Original name and synonyms

Euthrips badius Williams, 1913: 221

Anaphothrips badius var. *pectens* Bagnall, 1923: 57

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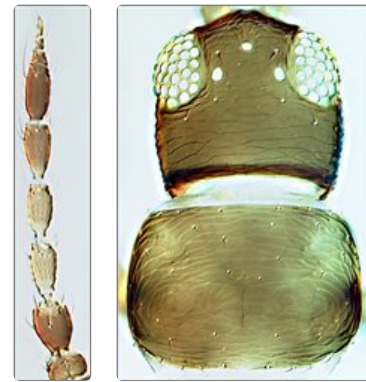
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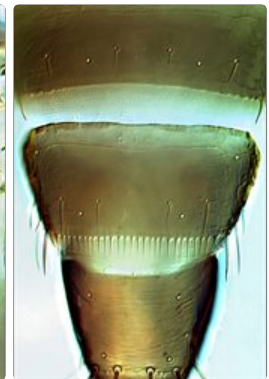


badius antenna

badius head & pronotum



badius meso & metanota



badius tergites VII-IX