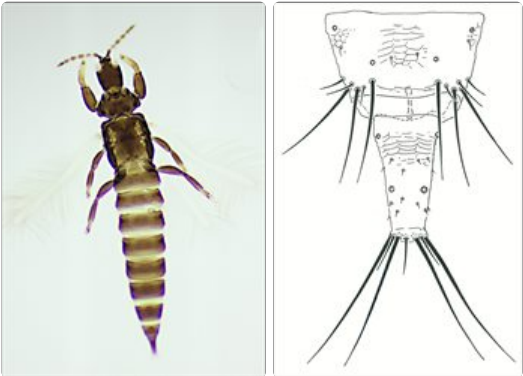


Haplothrips hukkineni

Distinguishing features

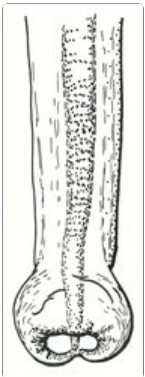
Both sexes fully winged. Body and legs brown to dark brown, fore tarsi light brown, antennal segments III–IV brown but yellow in basal third, V–VI light brown with base paler; fore wing pale with base shaded; major setae pale. Antennae 8-segmented, segment III with 2 sense cones, IV with 4 sense cones; VIII short and broad at base. Head longer than wide; maxillary stylets about one third of head width apart, retracted to compound eyes, maxillary bridge present; postocular setae pointed, about 0.6 as long as dorsal length of compound eye. Pronotum with 5 pairs of major setae with apices pointed, but anteromarginal setae shorter than anteroangular pairs; epimeral sutures complete; prosternal basantra present, mesopresternum complete but slender medially. Fore tarsal tooth small. Fore wing constricted medially, with about 10 duplicated cilia; sub-basal setae short and pointed. Tergite IX setae S1 pointed, more than 0.5 as long as tube.

Male with no pore plate on sternite VIII; fore tarsal tooth present; tergite IX setae S2 short and stout; aedeagus with apex slightly swollen.



Male

Tergites IX-X



Male aedeagus

Related species

The genus *Haplothrips* is one of the three most species-rich genera of Thysanoptera, and currently includes about 245 species worldwide. Most of these species come from the Holarctic or the Old World tropics, with 80 listed from Europe and 14 from Britain. No *Haplothrips* species is known to be endemic to the Neotropics, although a few are native to southern South America (Mound & Zapater, 2003). *Haplothrips* species are largely phytophagous, particularly associated with the flowers of Asteraceae and Poaceae, but some are predatory (Mound & Minaei, 2007). *Haplothrips hukkineni* shares many character states with *juncorum*, but has the maxillary stylets wider apart medially in the head, and has a shorter tube; furthermore, the aedeagus in males is slightly swollen at the apex rather than lanceolate as in *juncorum* (Collins, 2012).

Biological data

Breeding in damp places on the leaves and possibly the inflorescences of its host plants, *Bolboschoenus* and *Cyperus* [Cyperaceae], *Juncus* [Juncaceae], *Oryza* and *Phragmites* [Poaceae], also *Typha* [Typhaceae].

Distribution data

In Britain, collected infrequently and only in the southeast of England, although three times recently on the north Kent coast (Collins, 2012; Badmin, 2016). In Britain, it has only been taken from *Bolboschoenus maritimus*, and always at the same time as the more common *H. juncorum*. It is recorded predominantly in central and eastern Europe and the eastern Mediterranean, but also from Norway and Sweden. *H. hukkineni* has not been recorded from Ireland, but it was erroneously included in the Irish checklist by O'Connor (2008).

Family name

PHLAEOTHIRIPIDAE - PHLAEOTHIRIPINAE

Species name

Haplothrips hukkineni Priesner

Original name and synonyms

Haplothrips hukkineni Priesner, 1939: 276

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