

Tenothrips frici

Distinguishing features

Both sexes fully winged. Body brown to dark brown, tarsi and fore tibiae paler; antennal segments III–V and basal half of VI yellow; fore wings light brown. Antennae 8-segmented; segments III–IV with short forked sense cone. Head with three pairs of ocellar setae, pair III slightly longer than distance between hind ocelli, arising just anterior to these ocelli. Pronotum with 2 pairs of long posteroangular setae; 4 pairs of posteromarginal setae. Metanotum weakly reticulate, posterior reticles forming distinctive arc at posterior margin; median setae arising at anterior margin; campaniform sensilla absent. Fore wing first vein with 2–4 setae on distal half; second vein with complete row of about 12 setae. Abdominal tergites III–VII with no sculpture medially; tergite VIII with no ctenidia but with several scattered microtrichia anterior to spiracle, posteromarginal comb absent medially but with short microtrichia laterally; tergite X with complete longitudinal split. Sternites without discal setae. Male smaller than female; sternites III–VII with large oval pore plate occupying half the length of each sternite.

Related species

The genus *Tenothrips* was erected by Bhatti (1990c) and distinguished from the monotypic genus *Ceratothrips*. There are 19 species listed in *Tenothrips*, mainly from the Mediterranean region, but with several from North America that are sometimes placed in a separate genus *Ewartithrips*.

Biological data

Breeding in the flowers of various yellow-flowered Asteraceae.

Distribution data

Recorded only three times in Britain, in Devon, Kent, and Sussex, and not since 1970 (Mound *et al.*, 1976). This species may be an example of a wind-borne occasional migrant from the south, as this species is widespread in southern Europe. It has been introduced around the world, to USA (California, Oregon, Washington, Georgia), Colombia, Argentina, Uruguay, Hawaii, New Zealand, and southern Australia (Mound & Walker, 1982; Mound & Marullo, 1996).

Family name

THRIPIDAE - THRIPINAE

Species name

Tenothrips frici (Uzel)

Original name and synonyms

Physopus frici Uzel, 1895: 126

Euthrips pallidicornis Karny, 1907: 45

Euthrips dalmatica Karny, 1907: 45

Physothrips brevicornis Bagnall, 1916: 220

Physothrips blacki Watson, 1919: 32

Taeniothrips frici f. *alba* Priesner, 1926: 291

Taeniothrips pallidivestis Priesner, 1926: 291

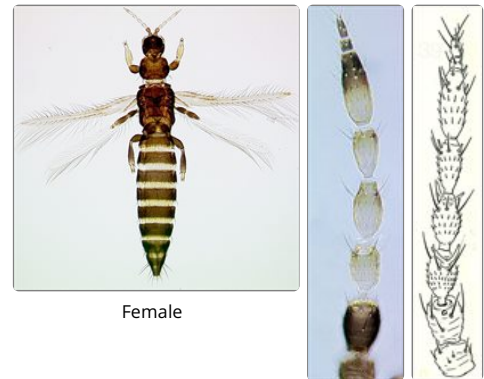
Taeniothrips frici f. *fulva* Knechtel, 1945: 457

Taeniothrips frici f. *adusta* Knechtel, 1945: 457

Taeniothrips persimilis Priesner, 1954: 51

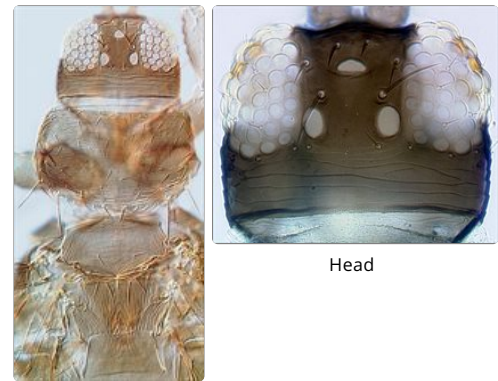
Taeniothrips cibiniensis Knechtel, 1965: 133

Taeniothrips (*Tenothrips*) *alis* Bhatti, 1967: 18



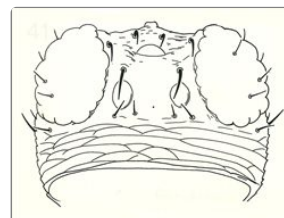
Female

Antenna Antenna

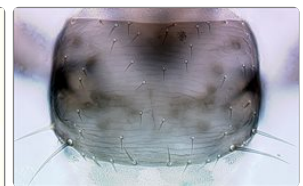


Head

Head & thorax



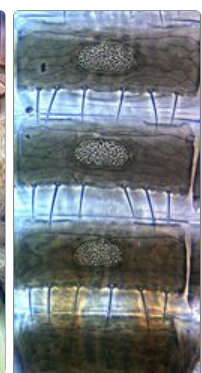
Head



Pronotum



Meso & metanota



Male sternites IV-VII



Female tergite VIII



Fore wing

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