

# Hercinothrips bicinctus



## Distinguishing features

Female macropterous; Body brown, head yellow sub-medially, also abdominal segments IX-X; tarsi and tibiae yellow, also antennal segments I and III-VIII; fore wing pale, lightly shaded at base, with 2 short dark brown transverse bands. Head reticulate, cheeks convex, constricted to basal neck. Antennae 8-segmented, VIII more than twice as long as VII; III and IV with forked sensorium extending well beyond apex of segment. Pronotum with several pairs of moderately long discal setae. Metanotum with weakly defined reticulate triangular area medially, median setae long. Tarsi 2-segmented. Fore wing with complete row of setae on both veins. Abdominal tergites finely reticulate; median tergal setae minute; tergite VIII with posteromarginal comb of long microtrichia laterally; tergite X median split not complete.



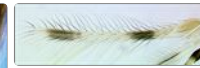
Female



Head & thorax Antennal segments IV-V



Tergites VII-X



Fore wing

## Related species

*Hercinothrips* is a genus of nine species, all presumably African in origin, but of which two very similar species have become widespread around the world as minor pests on various crops.

## Biological data

Adults and larvae are sometimes abundant on the older leaves of many different plant species, with no obvious pattern.

## Distribution data

Pantropical, sometimes considered a pest of bananas.

## Family name

THRIPIDAE, PANCHAETOTHRIPINAE

## Species name

*Hercinothrips bicinctus* (Bagnall)

## Original name and synonyms

*Heliiothrips bicinctus* Bagnall, 1919: 258

*Heliiothrips bifasciipennis* Girault, 1926: 1.

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