

# Anascirtothrips arorai

## Distinguishing features

Female macroptera. Body yellow, tergites II–VI with brown area laterally; antennal segments I–II white, III–VI yellow with apex brown, VII brown; fore wings pale with faint brown shading subbasally and medially. Antennae 7-segmented, III–IV with forked sense cone. Head wider than long; 3 pairs of ocellar setae, pair III just outside ocellar triangle; 3 pairs of postocular setae.

Pronotum posterior half with 2 pairs of discal setae medially, 5 pairs of equally short posteromarginal setae. Mesonotal S1 setae arise in line with S2 setae. Metanotum with weakly transverse sculpture, median setae not at anterior margin; campaniform sensilla absent. Prosternal ferna complete medially; basantra with or without one pair of setae; mesofurca without spinula, metafurca with spinula. Fore wing first vein with 3 setae on distal half; second vein with 3–4 setae; cilia wavy.

Tergites I–VIII with median pair of setae close together; posterolateral tergal margins with fringe of microtrichia, complete medially on VIII; tergites II–VIII with 6–10 rows of discal microtrichia on lateral thirds; IX with many microtrichia on posterior half, X with no longitudinal split. Sternites II–VI with short microtrichia on posterior margin between bases of setae. Male macroptera. Similar to female but smaller; sternites without pore plates.

## Related species

The genus *Anascirtothrips* currently includes four species, all from Asia and apparently all associated with the leaves of *Ficus* trees. These species resemble those of the worldwide genus *Scirtothrips*, but have 7-segmented antennae, and the mesonotal two pairs of setae arise in almost a straight transverse line (Masumoto & Okajima, 2007). *A. arorai* differs from *A. arafura* in lacking a spinula on the mesothoracic furca, and in tergite VII lacking a complete comb of microtrichia on the posterior margin.

## Biological data

Feeding and breeding on the leaves of *Ficus* spp [Moraceae], particularly *Ficus benjamina* cultivars, also *F. microcarpa* and *F. coronata*.

## Distribution data

Widespread in India, introduced to southern Florida and northern Australia.

## Family name

THRIPIDAE - THRIPINAE

## Species name

*Anascirtothrips arorai* Bhatti

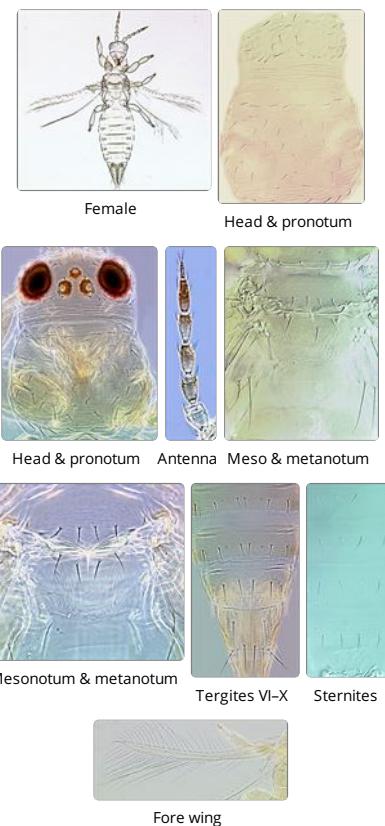
## Original name and synonyms

*Anascirtothrips arorai* Bhatti, 1961: 26

*Anascirtothrips ficus* Bhatti, 1967: 11.

## References

Mound LA & Wang C-L (2000) The genus *Anascirtothrips* (Thysanoptera: Thripidae), from leaves of *Ficus* trees in India, Taiwan and Australia. *Chinese Journal of Entomology* 20: 327–333.



---

*Copyright © 2020. All rights reserved.*