

# Rhamphiskothrips rhipistos



## Distinguishing features

Female macroptera. Body and legs yellow, pronotum and metanotum with light brown markings laterally; major setae pale; antennal segments V–VIII brown; compound eyes with 6 dark facets; fore wings pale. Antennae 8-segmented, III–IV with short simple sense cone. Head small, vertex reticulate; three pairs of fan-shaped ocellar, pair III between posterior ocelli; mouth cone



Head, antenna & pronotum



Meso & metanotum



Tergite VIII

long, extending between fore coxae. Pronotum strongly reticulate, with many small, fan-shaped discal setae, 2 pairs of posteroangular setae slightly larger. Mesonotum with two pairs of fan-shaped setae medially. Metanotum reticulate; median setae fan-shaped, at anterior margin; campaniform sensilla absent. Fore wing first vein with setae near apex of wing; second vein with about 11 setae; clavus with 6 veinal and one discal setae; wing setae all fan-shaped. Meso and metafurca without median spinula. Abdominal tergites IV–VI with no sculpture medially, laterally with about 6 transverse lines bearing small microtrichia; posterior margin with craspedum entire medially, dentate laterally; VIII with comb of long, closely spaced microtrichia, but laterally these are broadly based; X with median split complete. Sternites with neither craspedum nor discal setae; three pairs of marginal setae on VII arise in front of margin.

Male not known.

## Related species

Only one species is placed in the genus *Rhamphiskothrips*, and this remains known from a single female. The median two pairs of setae on sternite VII are not close together, suggesting that this genus is not closely related to *Rhamphothrips*. The translucent, fan shaped major setae on the head, thorax and wings are unusual, although the major setae on the abdomen are slender.

## Biological data

Known only from a single female.

## Distribution data

Known only from Western Australia.

## Family name

THRIPIDAE - THRIPINAE

## Species name

*Rhamphiskothrips rhipistos* Mound

## Original name and synonyms

*Rhamphiskothrips rhipistos* Mound, 1990: 216.

## References

Mound LA (1990) A new genus and species of Thripidae (Thysanoptera) from Western Australia with elongate mouth parts. *Entomologist's Monthly Magazine* 126: 213–216.