Anaphothrips geijerae



Distinguishing features

Female macroptera. Body and legs brown, tarsi yellow; antennal segments I and IV–IX brown, II darker, III paler; fore wings uniformly weakly shaded; tergite IX major setae brown. Head wider than long, with transverse anastomosing striae behind eyes; eyes without pigmented facets; ocellar setae III just within triangle. Antennae 9-segmented, III–IV with sense cone forked; II with microtrichia on sculpture lines; suture between VI–VII transverse; VI constricted at base but not pedicellate. Pronotum with prominent transverse ridges on anterior half; with no long setae, discal setae relatively stout. Metascutum irregularly reticulate, sculpture lines apparently with flanges; median setae near anterior margin; campaniform sensilla present or absent. Prosternal ferna interrupted medially. Fore wing first vein with about 9 setae basally, 2 medially and 2 distally; second vein with



Antenna Head & pronotum



Tergites VI-VIII

10 setae; clavus with 5 veinal setae and one seta at base. Abdominal tergites II–VII with no sculpture medially; laterally with closely spaced sculpture lines bearing weak broadly based microtrichia, not extending mesad of S2; posterior margin of VIII with complete long comb, lateral microtrichia arising from larger bases. Sternites with transverse reticulation medially.

Male unknown.

Related species

There are 43 species of *Anaphothrips* known from Australia (Mound & Masumoto, 2009), out of a total of 86 species worldwide (ThripsWiki, 2020). Many of these species have the antennae clearly 9-segmented, others clearly have only 8 segments, but several species have an intermediate condition with segment VI bearing a partial and often oblique transverse suture. The sculpture of this brown species, with small flanges on many of the sculpture lines, is unusual within the genus.

Biological data

Feeding on the leaves of Geijera parviflora [Rutaceae].

Distribution data

Recorded only from New South Wales.

Family name

THRIPIDAE - THRIPINAE

Species name

Anaphothrips geijerae Mound & Masumoto

Original name and synonyms

Anaphothrips geijerae Mound & Masumoto, 2009: 36.

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