

# Aeolothrips brevicauda

## Distinguishing features

This species has not been studied by the present authors. Apparently similar to *Aeolothrips fasciatus*, it is described as having the fore wings shorter and broader (length 5.5 times the width), and abdominal tergite IX short (Bailey, 1951: 47).

## Related species

This species is apparently very similar to *A. fasciatus*, and is possibly based on dwarfed individuals (Bailey, 1951: 52). About 105 species are placed currently in the genus *Aeolothrips*. Most of these are from the Palaearctic Region (including the Mediterranean, Iran and northern India, but with five species extending through eastern Africa to South Africa), with about 30 species from the Nearctic (mainly western USA). Only one species of this genus is known from the Neotropics, *A. fasciatipennis* described from Chile, but Mound & Marullo (1996) indicate this is probably the same as *A. fasciatus*.

## Biological data

Known only from about six specimens, but possibly predatory on other small arthropods.

## Distribution data

California, Oregon

## Family name

AEOLOTHRIPIDAE

## Species name

*Aeolothrips brevicauda* Hood

## Original name and synonyms

*Aeolothrips brevicauda* Hood, 1935: 105

## References

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Mound LA & Marullo R (1996) The Thrips of Central and South America: An Introduction. *Memoirs on Entomology, International* 6: 1-488.