

Aeolothrips clarus

Distinguishing features

The available specimens of this species are not in a suitable condition to prepare a detailed description. Judging from the description it is similar to the brown form of *A. auricestus*, and apparently differs from *A. terrestris* in having the fore wing lobe even shorter.



Flightless female Antenna

Related species

This is one of four species of *Aeolothrips* with short-winged adults that are known from California: *A. albicinctus* and *A. auricestus* are both bicolored, although the second of these is commonly brown, whereas *A. clarus* and *A. terrestris* are both uniformly brown. About 105 species are placed currently in the genus *Aeolothrips*. Most of these are from the Palearctic 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

Most specimens have been taken on grasses, and this species is presumably predatory at ground level as is *A. albicinctus* and its relatives. All of these species are known only from short-winged adults of both sexes.

Distribution data

California

Family name

AEOLOTHRIPIDAE

Species name

Aeolothrips clarus Bailey

Original name and synonyms

Aeolothrips clarus Bailey, 1951: 53

References

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