

# Aeolothrips montanus

## Distinguishing features

This species has not been studied by the present authors. It was described from three females taken at Sonora Pass, California, and the fore wing is illustrated (Bailey, 1951: 75) as having one complete transverse dark band sub-basally, and a second incomplete transverse band sub-apically.

## Related species

The fore wing pattern of *A. montanus* is apparently similar to that of *A. interruptus* Bailey, described on two females from Utah. 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

Possibly flower living and predatory on other small arthropods.

## Distribution data

California

## Family name

AEOLOTHRIPIDAE

## Species name

*Aeolothrips montanus* Bailey

## Original name and synonyms

*Aeolothrips montanus* Bailey, 1951: 62

## References

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