

Heterothrips salicis

Distinguishing features

This species has not been studied by the present authors. It is one of the species in the genus *Heterothrips* that has small lobes laterally on the posterior margin of the abdominal tergites, each lobe bearing a prominent fringe of microtrichia, as in *H. pectinifer*.

Related species

H. salicis is very similar in structure to *H. aesculi* Watson from eastern USA. More than 75 species are currently listed in *Heterothrips*, and these are found widely between New York and Argentina. These species are likely to demonstrate a high level of host specificity, but good field data has yet to be collected. The family Heterothripidae includes only four genera, all from the Americas.

Biological data

Breeding in willow catkins, *Salix* spp. [Salicaceae].

Distribution data

Recorded from California, Michigan and Illinois.

Family name

HETEROTHRIPIDAE

Species name

Heterothrips salicis Shull

Original name and synonyms

Heterothrips salicis Shull, 1909: 220

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