

Leucothrips furcatus

Distinguishing features

This species has not been studied by the present authors. It was recorded from California by Bailey (1957: 183) on the basis of eight specimens taken on willow at Davis. It is presumably similar in structure to *L. piercei*, but has the antennal sense cones forked not simple (Masumoto & Okajima, 2017).

Related species

Five species are recognized in the genus *Leucothrips*, three of which are known only from the Neotropics (Mound, 1999). As with other species of the Dendrothripinae, the metathoracic furca is enlarged and lyre-shaped, extending to the mesothorax.

Biological data

Leaf-feeding, and recorded from *Salix* [Salicaceae].

Distribution data

Guatemala, California, Florida, Georgia, Japan.

Family name

THRIPIDAE - DENDROTHRIPINAE

Species name

Leucothrips furcatus Hood

Original name and synonyms

Leucothrips furcatus Hood, 1931: 153

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