

Neohydatothrips opuntiae

Distinguishing features

This species has not been studied by the present authors.

Related species

N. opuntiae is reported as not having any elongate pronotal posteroangular setae (Bailey, 1957: 195), in contrast to many species in this genus. *Neohydatothrips* is found in many parts of the world and almost 120 species are listed. Identification keys are available to 13 species recorded from Central America (Mound & Marullo, 1996), and 41 species from the Neotropics (Lima & Mound, 2016). Stannard (1968) treats 11 species from Illinois, but many of the 35 species described from the USA north of Mexico (Nakahara, 1988) remain poorly defined.

Biological data

Breeding on the young pads of prickly pear, *Opuntia* spp. [Cactaceae] (Bailey, 1957: 196).

Distribution data

Known only from California and Arizona.

Family name

THRIPIDAE - SERICOTHRIPINAE

Species name

Neohydatothrips opuntiae (Hood)

Original name and synonyms

Sericothrips opuntiae Hood, 1936: 88

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