

# Poecilothrips dens

## Distinguishing features

This species has not been studied by the present authors.

## Related species

The genus *Poecilothrips* currently includes three species; *P. albopictus* is widespread, one species is from South Africa, and *P. dens* Moulton is from California. This third species is known from only two specimens (Cott, 1956) and, since the metanotum is longitudinally reticulate rather than striate (Mound & Marullo, 1996), it is possibly not closely related.

## Biological data

Presumably breeding on dead branches and feeding on fungal hyphae.

## Distribution data

Recorded only from California.

## Family name

PHLAEOTHIRIPIDAE, PHLAEOTHIRIPINAE

## Species name

*Poecilothrips dens* (Moulton)

## Original name and synonyms

*Trichothrips dens* Moulton, 1907: 60

## References

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