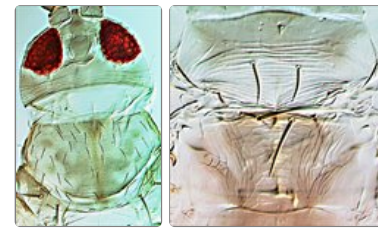


Ajothrips



Generic diagnosis

Female macropterous. Head wider than long; maxillary palps 3-segmented; ocellar setae I present; without pigmented facets; setae III well-developed; six pairs of postocular setae. Antennae 8-segmented; segment I without paired dorso-apical setae, III and IV with forked sense-cones. Pronotum with two pairs of long posteroangular setae; three pairs of posteromarginal setae. Mesonotum with median pair of setae long and arising medially; anteromedian campaniform sensilla absent. Metanotum transversely reticulate; median pair of setae at anterior margin; campaniform sensilla absent. Fore wing first vein with long gap in setal row and two setae near apex; second vein with row of six or seven setae; clavus with five veinal and one discal setae; posteromarginal fringe cilia wavy. Prosternal ferna weak, divided; basantra membranous, without setae. Mesosternum with sternopleural sutures incomplete; endofurca with spinula. Metasternal endofurca usually with spinula. Tarsi 2-segmented. Tergites without ctenidia; not clearly divided from laterotergites; III–VIII with craspeda, on VIII with long microtrichia; lateral thirds of II–VIII with closely spaced rows of microtrichia; IX without anterior pair of campaniform sensilla or microtrichia (except at posterior margin); MD setae present; X without median split. Sternites II–VI with lobed craspeda bearing marginal microtrichia; no discal setae; sternites III–VII with three pairs of marginal setae, II with two pairs, S1 on VII in front of margin. Male sternites IV–VI with wide dumbbell-shaped pore plates.



Head & pronotum Meso & metanota



Sternite V

Tergites VII-X

Biological data

Presumably leaf-feeding, and probably on young leaves as in the rather similar species of the genus *Scirtothrips*.

Distribution data

Each of the three species listed in this genus (ThripsWiki 2020) was described from India (Xei *et al.*, 2016).

Nomenclatural data

Ajothrips Bhatti, 1967: 58. Type species *Ajothrips karma* Bhatti, 1967, by original designation.

Three species are listed in this genus (ThripsWiki, 2020), of which one is recorded from China:

karma Bhatti, 1967: 60.

Relationship data

Thripidae sub-family Thripinae: among the more than 230 genera in this group *Ajothrips* is apparently related to the *Scirtothrips* genus-group (Ng & Mound, 2015).

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