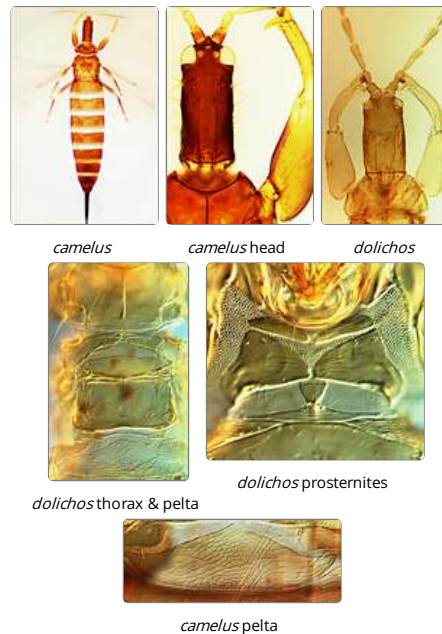


# Celidothrips

## Generic diagnosis

Large brown or black Idolothropinae, Macrothripina. Head elongate, elevated dorsally; maxillary stylets retracted to postocular setae, about one-fifth to one-third of head width apart; postocellar and postocular setae long; genae with several setae, also one ommatidium isolated laterally just behind each eye. Antennae 8-segmented, VIII constricted to base, III with 2 sense cones, IV with 4. Pronotum emarginate at anterior, with 5 pairs of major setae but anteromarginal pair smallest. Prosternal basantra present, ferna large; mesopresternum transverse; metathoracic sternopleural sutures absent. Fore tarsus with small or large tooth. Fore wings, when present, not constricted medially, with many duplicated cilia. Pelta broadly triangular; tergites each with one pair of wing-retaining setae; tube slightly shorter than head. Large male with fore legs enlarged; tergite IX setae S1 and S2 equally long; sternites without pore plates.



## Nomenclatural data

*Celidothrips* Priesner, 1951: 361. Type species *Docessissophothrips adiaphorus* Karny, by monotypy.

A genus of four species from Indonesia, Australia and Solomon Islands (ThripsWiki, 2021).

## Australian species

*Celidothrips camelus* (Karny, 1920: 43).

*Celidothrips dolichos* (Hood, 1918: 144).

## Relationship data

This is one of 13 genera placed in the Idolothropinae, Pygothripini, Macrothripina. All 13 genera in this sub-tribe are from the Old World tropics (Mound & Palmer 1983).

## Distribution data

The two species of this genus found in Australia were both taken in northern Queensland.

## Biological data

The adults feed on fungal spores on dead branches.

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