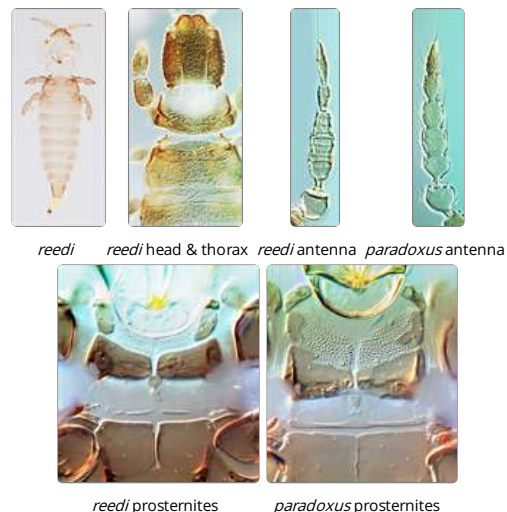


# Urothrips

## Generic diagnosis

Small sized, apterous Phlaeothripinae with tergite X elongate. Head little longer than wide, dorsal surface sculptured, anterior margin sometimes slightly produced but without prominent setae, eyes reduced to 10 facets or less; mouth cone short, maxillary stylets retracted almost to eyes, one third of head width apart, with maxillary bridge. Antennal segments varying from 5 to 8, III-V sometimes fused, VII-VIII usually fused. Pronotum rugose, notopleural sutures absent, only epimeral setae prominent. Prosternal basantra small and widely separated, ferna large; mesopresternum weak or absent; mesoeusternal anterior margin eroded medially; metathoracic sternopleural sutures absent. Metathoracic epimera slightly swollen. Hind coxae more widely separated than mid coxae. Fore tarsal tooth absent, rarely with laterally projecting hamus. Abdominal tergite I transverse; abdominal segment IX longer than wide, without prominent setae; tube long but shorter than head; anal setae longer than tube.



## Nomenclatural data

*Urothrips* Bagnall, 1909: 126. Type species *Urothrips paradoxus* Bagnall, 1909, by monotypy.

Three genera are placed in synonymy with *Urothrips*, including *Biconothrips* that was described from Australia, and as a result 12 species are now recognised in this genus (ThripsWiki, 2021).

## Australian species

*Urothrips reedi* (Stannard, 1970: 121)

## Relationship data

This is one of the genera of long-tailed thrips placed in the Phlaeothripinae-Urothripini, but the included species involve a wide range of body form and length of the tenth abdominal segment (Ulitzka & Mound, 2014).

## Distribution data

The 12 species recognised in this genus are found widely across the Old World tropics with one species in eastern Australia.

## Biological data

The members of this genus are all fungus-feeding in leaf litter.

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