Pseudanaphothrips araucariae



Distinguishing features

Female macroptera. Body brown, tarsi paler, antennal segment III with pedicel pale; fore wings light brown with base paler. Antennae 8-segmented, III–IV with forked sense cone. Head wider than long, vertex with transverse sculpture lines, ocellar triangle without sculpture; 3 pairs of ocellar setae, pair III almost as long as distance between fore and hind ocelli, arising between posterior margins of hind ocelli; 4 pairs of small postocular setae. Pronotum with transverse lines of sculpture at anterior and posterior, 2 pairs of long posteroangular setae; median posteromarginal setae, also one pair of anteromarginal setae, longer than remmaining marginal setae. Mesonotal anterior campaniform sensilla present. Metanotum with lines of sculpture transverse at anterior, forming irregular elongate reticulations medially; campaniform sensilla present; median





Famala

Head & pronotum







Meso & metanotum

Tergites VII–X Male sternites

setae at anterior margin. Mesofurca with spinula. Fore wing first and second veins with complete row of setae; clavus with 5–6 veinal and one discal setae. Tergites without craspeda; V–VII without ctenidia but with irregular, minute microtrichia on lines of sculpture laterally; sculpture lines extend to median setae; VIII with paired ctenidia anterolateral to spiracle, posteromarginal comb of regularly spaced, moderately long, microtrichia. Sternites without discal setae; VII with setae S1 arising at margin.

Male macroptera. Similar to female but smaller, usually much paler; antennal segments I–II yellow in contrast to brown III–VIII; sternites III–VII with transversely slender pore plate; sternite VIII posterior margin with several prominent microtrichia.

Related species

Species of the genus *Pseudanaphothrips* share many character states with species of *Frankliniella*, but none of them have tergal ctenidia so well-formed. Currently the genus includes nine species, all but one from Australia. However, some of these are based on very few specimens, and these remain particularly difficult to distinguish (Mound & Palmer, 1981). *P. araucariae* has well-developed ctenidia on tergite VIII, and ocellar setae pair III are unusually long.

Biological data

Feeding and breeding within the male cones of *Araucaria* spp [Araucariaceae] also *Pinus caribaea* and *P. techumanii* [Pinaceae].

Distribution data

Australia (Queensland and Norfolk Island), also Tahiti and Hawaii.

Family name

THRIPIDAE - THRIPINAE

Species name

Pseudanaphothrips araucariae Mound & Palmer

Original name and synonyms

Pseudanaphothrips araucariae Mound & Palmer, 1990: 5.

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