

Monilothrips

Generic diagnosis

Female macropterous. Head wider than long, with a broad posterior reticulate collar, anterior parts not reticulate; not projecting in front of eyes, ocellar region not elevated; four pairs of postocular setae; maxillary palps 2-segmented. Antennae 8-segmented, segment I without paired dorso-apical setae; III and IV each with forked sense cone, IV with an additional slender simple sense cone. Pronotum not strong reticulate, with one pair of anteroangular setae, one pair of prominent posteroangular setae.

Mesonotum entire, reticulate, anteromedian campaniform sensilla absent.

Metanotum strongly reticulate, median setae close to posterior margin, campaniform sensilla present. Fore wing anterior fringe cilia longer than costa setae; first and second veins with setal rows complete; clavus with four veinal but no discal setae; posterior margin fringe cilia wavy.

Prosternal ferna widely divided; basantra membranous and without setae; mesosternal endofurca without spinula, metasternal endofurca transverse without spinula. Legs strongly reticulate, tarsi 2-segmented. Tergites

without ctenidia, craspedum entire, covered with strong polygonal reticulation; tergite II without special sculpture; VIII without comb; IX with posterior pair of campaniform sensilla; X median split complete. Sternites without craspedum; II–VII with three pairs of posteromarginal setae; VII with median and submedian setae in front of posterior margin.

Male sternites without pore plates.



kempia head & thorax *kempia* antenna *kempia* head & pronotum



kempia tergites VIII-X

Relationship data

Thripidae sub-family Panchaethripinae: this group is represented widely around the world, particularly in tropical areas, and comprises about 40 genera. This genus is unusual because the head of the only species lacks strong reticulate sculpture on the vertex. The genus was segregated to a monotypic Tribe by Wilson (1975), but placed in association with *Hercinothrips* in a morphological analysis by Mound *et al.* (2001).

Biological data

Breeding on the fronds of various species of fern (Mound *et al.*, 2017), and probably distributed around the world by collectors of ferns.

Distribution data

Widely recorded around the world, from California, Hawaii, South Africa, India and southern China, but possibly African in origin.

Nomenclatural data

Monilothrips Moulton, 1929: 93. Type species *Monilothrips kemp*i Moulton, 1929, by monotypy.

Only one species is placed in this genus (ThripsWiki, 2018), and this is recorded from southern China:

*kemp*i Moulton, 1929: 94.

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