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# An illustrated key to species of the genus *Thrips* Linnaeus (Thysanoptera: Thripidae) from Iran, with an updated checklist

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Subject Editor: Kambiz Minaei **ABSTRACT.** The genus *Thrips* Linnaeus (Thripidae: Thripinae) is one of the largest groups of thrips in Iran, which include some important pests. Majority species of the genus *Thrips* are herbivorous living on leaves and flowers on different plant families. In this paper, a key to 31 Iranian *Thrips* species is provided, along with additional new distribution information of 17 species in Iran.

**Key words:** *Thrips*, key, Thripinae, thrips fauna, Iran.

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#### Introduction

The genus *Thrips* Linnaeus (Thysanoptera: Thripidae) is the largest in the subfamily Thripinae, with about 293 described species in the world (ThripsWiki 2016). Most species of *Thrips* are flower-living, and several species are considered as crop pests in various parts of the world (Mound and Ng 2009). In Iran, some of *Thrips* species such as *T. tabaci* Lindeman and *T. meridionalis* Priesner are well known as the most important pests of different plant families (Mirab-balou *et al.* 2009, 2014c), and it is a carrier of some Tospovirus diseases on ornamental plants (Ghotbi *et al.* 2003).

In Iran, 29 *Thrips* species and their important characteristics, together with the geographical distribution information, were listed by Mirabbalou (2012). Since then, the following species

have added to *Thrips* species in Iran: **(1)** *Thrips* australis (Bagnall) was collected on *Eucalyptus* from Fars province (Minaei 2012), **(2)** *Thrips* longiceps (Bagnall) was collected on rose flowers from Kermanshah province (Mirabbalou 2013a), **(3)** *Thrips* italicus (Bagnall) collected on leaves of red apple trees from Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad province (Jahangiri et al. 2013), and **(4)** *Thrips* juniperinus L. collected on *Acanthophyllum* sp. from Khorasan-e Razavi province (Gholami et al. 2014). *Thrips* viminalis Uzel was collected on leaf buds of willow trees from Alborz and Azarbayjan-e-Gharbi provinces (Rahemi et al. 2010).

In this paper, an illustrated key is prepared for Iranian *Thrips* species, and new distribution records for 17 species in Iran are mentioned (Table 1).

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Table 1. Checklist of *Thrips* species (Thysanoptera: Thripidae) recorded in Iran

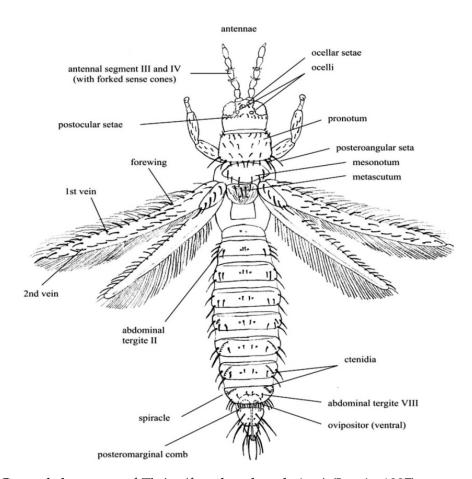
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Thrips species	Distribution in Iran
T also ii Minch halou Tana and Chan	(*first recorded for each province)
T. alavii Mirab-balou, Tong and Chen	Hamadan Hamadan
T. alliorum (Priesner)	
T. angusticeps Uzel	Kerman, Hamadan, Kermanshah
T. atratus Haliday	Khorasan-e-Shomali, Golestan, Tehran, Markazi, Kerman, Yazd,
	Hamadan, Kermanshah, Kordestan, Mazandaran, Zanjan, Sistan
	and Baluchestan*1, Khorasan-e-Razavi*2, Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-
T (1) (D 11)	Ahmad* <sup>3</sup>
T. australis (Bagnall)	Fars
T. coloratus Schmutz	Tehran
T. dubius Priesner	Alborz, Hamadan
T. euphorbiae Knechtel	Fars, Hamadan
T. flavus Schrank	Khorasan-e-Shomali, Hamadan
T. fraudulentus (Priesner)	Fars, Hamadan, Qazvin, Khorasan-e-Razavi*2
T. fuscipennis Haliday	Mazandaran
T. hawaiiensis (Morgan)	Isfahan, Hamadan, Qazvin*4, Mazandaran, Golestan*5
T. iranicus Yakhontov	Kerman
T. italicus (Bagnall)	Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad*3
T. juniperinus Linnaeus	Khorasan-e Razavi* <sup>2</sup>
T. longiceps (Bagnall)	Kermanshah*6
T. major Uzel	Khorasan-e-Shomali, Golestan, Fars, Khuzestan, Tehran,
	Kerman, Mazandarn, Hamadan, Alborz, Khorasan-e-Razavi*2,
	Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad*3
T. mareoticus (Priesner)	Azarbaijan-e-Sharghi, Hamadan
T. meridionalis (Priesner)	Khorasan-e-Shomali, Golestan, Fars, Khuzestan, Lorestan,
	Tehran, Markazi, Kerman, Yazd, Mazandaran, Hamadan,
	Kermanshah, Zanjan, Alborz, Qazvin*4, Sistan and Baluchestan*1,
	Khorasan-e-Razavi*2, Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad*3
T. minutissimus Linnaeus	Golestan, Mazandaran, Khorasan-e-Shomali, Fars, Kohgiluyeh
	and Boyer-Ahmad*3
T. nigropilosus Uzel	Khuzestan, Khorasan-e-Shomali, Guilan, Hamadan, Markazi*7
T. pelikani Schliephake	Alborz
T. physapus Linnaeus	Teharan, Markazi, Khorasan-e-Shomali, Hamadan, Zanjan,
, ,	Kordestan, Qazvin, Khorasan-e-Razavi*2
T. pillichi Priesner	Khorasan-e-Shomali, Tehran, Markazi, Kerman, Khorasan-e-
,	Razavi* <sup>2</sup>
T. pistaciae Yakhontov	Kerman
T. simplex (Morison)	Tehran
T. tabaci Lindeman	Widely distributed
T. trehernei Priesner	Khorasan-e-Shomali, Isfahan, Kerman, Markazi, Qazvin, Tehran,
	Hamadan, Lorestan*8
T. trybomi (Karny)	Fars, Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad*3
T. verbasci (Priesner)	Khorasan-e-Shomali
T. viminalis Uzel	Alborz*9, Azarbayjan-e-Gharbi*9
T. vuilleti (Bagnall)	Khorasan-e-Shomali, Khuzestan, Lorestan, Alborz, Azarbaijan-
( -6 - /	e-Gharbi, Azarbaijan-e-Sharghi, Guilan, Tehran, Hamadan,
	Kordestan, Kermanshah, Qazvin, Fars, Ilam*10, Golestan*5
T. vulgatissimus Haliday	Tehran, Markazi, Hamadan, Kermanshah, Zanjan, Khorasan-e-
0	Shomali, Lorestan*8, Ilam*10, 11, 12
	Chommy Bolcowit / Hall

[\*(1) Zolfaghari *et al.* 2015; (2) Fekrat and Manzari, 2014; (3) Jahangiri *et al.*, 2014, 2015; (4) Dosty and Mirabbalou, 2014; (5) Mirab-balou *et al.*, 2015a; (6) Mirab-balou, 2013a; (7) Mirab-balou *et al.*, 2015b; (8) Horri *et al.*, 2012; (9) Rahemi *et al.*, 2010; (10) Mirab-balou, 2014a; (11) Mirab-balou, 2014b; (12) Mirab-balou *et al.*, 2015c].

#### **Materials and Methods**

This study based on published literatures and specimens deposited in the following collections: Department of Plant Protection, College of Agriculture, Ilam University, Iran (ILAMU), Institute of Insect Sciences, Zhejiang University, Hangzhou, China (ZJUH), and Insect Collection of Department of Entomology, South China Agricultural University, Guangzhou, China (SCAU).

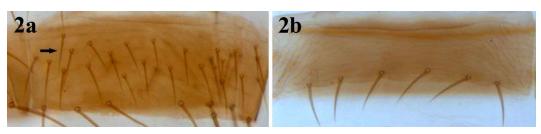
The terminology follows Bhatti (1980), Palmer (1992), Nakahara (1994), Mound and Masumoto (2005) and Mirab-balou *et al.* (2012). All descriptions and photos were made with a Leica DM IRB microscope, with a Leica Image 1000 system. Some important characters of this genus are shown in figure 1.



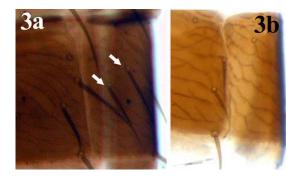
**Figure 1.** General characters of *Thrips* (female – dorsal view) (Lewis, 1997)

Notes: **(1)** The following *Thrips* species have not examined by the author, and included here according to the original descriptions or other available keys: *italicus, minutissimus, trybomi, verbasci* and *viminalis;* **(2)** The following figures obtained from Mirabbalou *et al.* (2012): 2 (a,b), 3b, 4 (a,b), 5 (b,c), 6, 9 (a,b), 13 (c,d,e), and 16b.

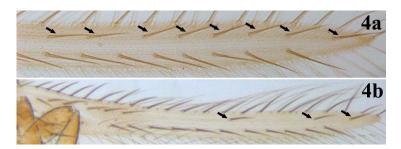
# Key to species of the genus *Thrips* from Iran



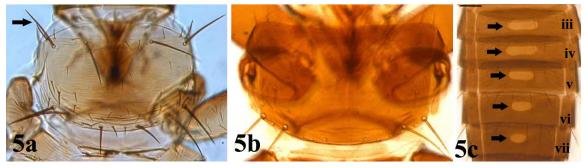
- Pleurorergites III-VII without discal setae (Figs. 3b)..........14



- **3.** Fore wing first vein with five or more distal setae (Fig. 4a)......**4**
- Fore wing first vein with three or rarely four distal setae (Fig. 4b)......8



- **4.** Pronotum with two pairs of long setae on anterior (same as *Frankliniella*) (cf. Fig. 5a). [Male with pore plates on abdominal sternites III–VII (cf. Fig. 5c)]......verbasci
- Pronotum without long setae on anterior (Fig. 5b)......5

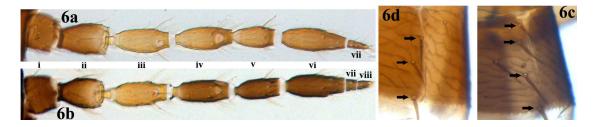


**5.** Antennae 7-segmented (Fig. 6a); abdominal tergite II with 4 lateral setae

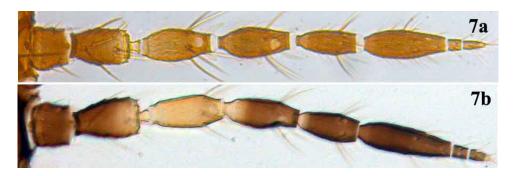
(Fig. 6c). [Male with small pore plate on abdominal sternites III-V].....minutissimus

- Antennae 8-segmented (Fig. 6b); abdominal tergite II with 3 lateral setae





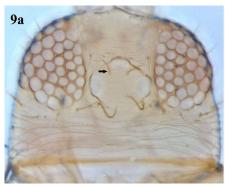
- **6.** Antennal segments generally dark (Fig. 7a). [Male with pore plates on abdominal sternites III–VII]......atratus

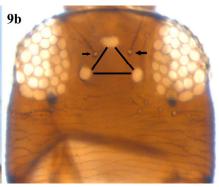


- 7. Body dark (cf. Fig. 8a); antennal segments I-III pale. [Male with pore plates on abdominal sternites III-VII].....italicus



- **8.** Abdominal tergite II with 4 setae laterally (Fig. 6c); ocellar setae pair III situated inside of ocellar triangle (Fig. 9a). [Male with small transverse pore plates on abdominal sternites III–VII]......australis

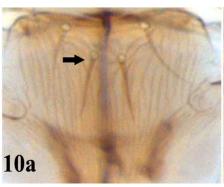


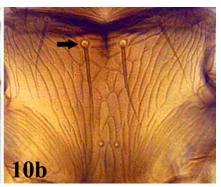


- **9.** Body yellow or light brown with a darker abdomen (Fig. 8b); antennae 7- or 8-segmented (Figs. 6a,b, 7a,b).......**10**
- Body dark brown to black (Fig. 8a); antennae 8-segmented (Figs. 6b, 7a,b)........11
- 10. Antennae 7-segmented; median metanotal setae situated far from anterior margin (Fig. 10a); MCS (metanotal

campaniform sensiall) absent. [Male with pore plates on abdominal sternites III–VII]......pillichi

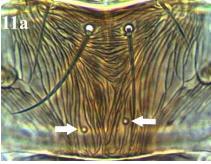
- Antennae 8-segmented; median metanotal setae situated at anterior margin (Fig. 10b); MCS present; [Male with pore plates on abdominal sternites III-VII].....trybomi

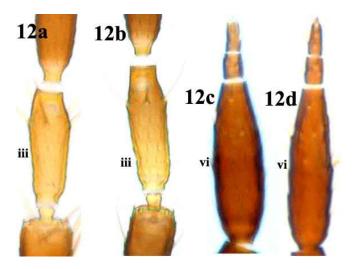




- MCS absent (Fig. 11b).....**13**



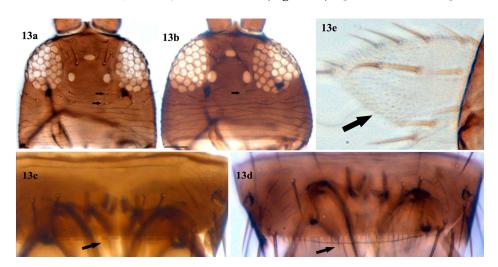




13. Postocular setae pair II small and situated well behind row (Fig. 13a); median metanotal setae situated far behind anterior margin; abdominal tergite VIII posteromarginal comb may appear, absent or represented by a few microtrichia laterally and a very short lobed flange or craspedum medially (Fig. 13c).

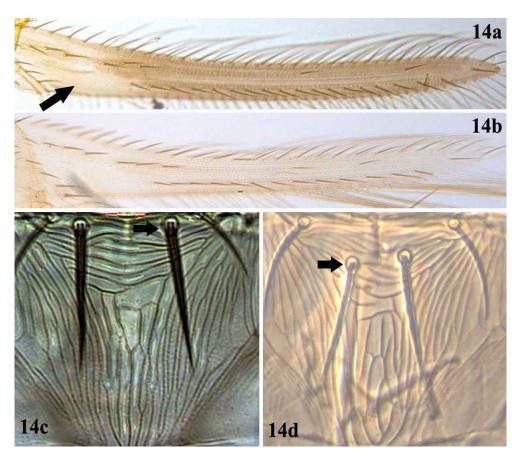
[Male microptera (Fig. 13e), with large and transverse pore plates on abdominal sternites III-VII]......alliorum

- Postocular setae pair II in line with I & III (Fig. 13b); median metanotal setae situated near anterior margin; abdominal tergite VIII with complete comb on posterior margin (Fig. 13d). [Male unknown]......alavii



- **14.** Abdominal sternites II–VII or III–VII with discal setae (cf. Fig. 2a)......**15**
- Abdominal sternites III-VI, IV-VI or V-VI with discal setae (cf. Fig. 2b).....**22**

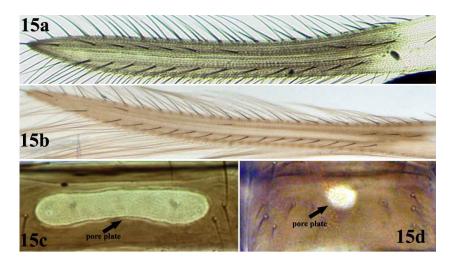
- **16.** Fore wings with base pale (Fig. 14a); metanotum with lines of sculpture longitudinal medially, but transverse at anterior (Fig. 14c) metanotal median setae situated on anterior margin (Fig. 14c); antennae 7- or 8-segmented. [Male with



- 17. Antennae 8-segmented (cf. Fig. 6b).....18

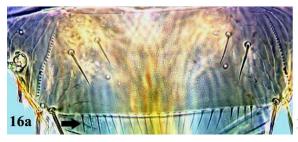
   Antennae 7-segmented (cf. Fig. 6a)......19

  18. MCS absent (cf. Fig. 11b); median metanotal setae situated behind of anterior margin (cf. Fig. 14d); fore wing first vein with 5-10 setae on distal half (Fig. 15a). [Male with large transverse pore plates
- (Fig. 15c) on abdominal sternites III– VII]......*simplex*
- MCS present (cf. Fig. 11a); median metanotal setae situated at anterior margin (cf. Fig. 11c); fore wing first vein with 3 distal setae (Fig. 15b). [Male with small circular to oval pore plates (Fig. 15d) on abdominal sternites III-VII].......longiceps



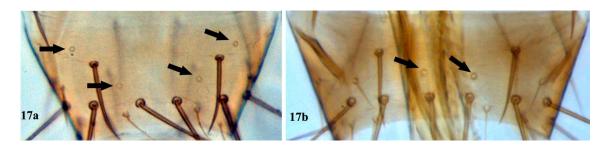
- **19.** Fore wing first vein with 5–10 (rarely with 4) distal setae (cf. Fig. 15a). [Male with pore plates on abdominal sternites III–VII]......angusticeps
- Fore wing first vein with 3 distal setae (cf. Fig. 15b)........20
- **20.** Abdominal segment X more than 80 microns long; body with long major setae. [Male color brown, with broadly oval pore plates on abdominal sternites III-VII].....trehernei
- Abdominal segment X less than 80 microns long; body with major setae relatively short......21
- **21.** Antennal segments III–V and half of VI yellow; abdominal segment X usually 58–73 microns long, the sides slightly concave. [Male color yellow, with broadly oval pore plates on abdominal sternites III–VII].......physapus
- Antennal segments III-V white; abdominal segment X usually 69–80. microns long, the sides straight. [Male with

- pore plates on abdominal sternites III-VII].....pelikani
- **22.** Antennae 8-segmented (cf. Fig. 6b); abdominal tergite II with 4 lateral marginal setae (cf. Fig. 6c). [Male with pore plates on abdominal sternites III-VII]......vuilleti
- Antennae 7-segmented (cf. Fig. 6a); abdominal tergite II with 3 lateral marginal setae (cf. Fig. 6d). [Male with pore plates on abdominal sternites III-VI]......mareoticus
- **23.** Abdominal tergite II with 4 lateral marginal setae (cf. Fig. 6c).....**24**
- Abdominal tergite II with 3 lateral marginal setae (cf. Fig. 6d).....25
- Abdominal tergite VIII with posteromarginal comb only laterally. [Male with transverse pore plates on abdominal sternites III-VII]......fuscipennis

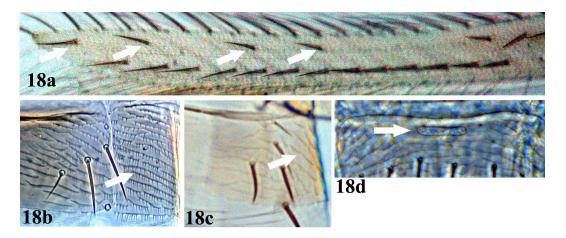




- **25.** MCS present (cf. Fig. 11a). [Male with pore plates on abdominal sternites III–VI]
- .....viminalis
- MCS absent (cf. Fig. 11b).....**26**
- **26.** Abdominal tergite VIII with posteromarginal comb complete (cf. Fig. 16a......**27**
- Abdominal tergite VIII with posteromarginal comb incomplete (cf. Fig. 16b).....30
- **27.** Metanotal median setae situated at anterior margin (cf. Fig. 14c); abdominal tergite IX with two pair of campaniform sensilla (cf. Fig. 17a). [Male with pore plates on abdominal sternites III–VII...........dubius
- Metanotal median setae situated behind anterior margin (cf. Fig. 14d); abdominal tergite IX with one pair of campaniform sensilla (Fig. 17b)......28



- **28.** Fore wings first vein with 4–7 distal setae (Fig. 18a); abdominal pleurotergites with rows of ciliate microtrichia (Fig. 18b); ocellar setae pair III situated inside of ocellar triangle (cf. Fig. 9a). [Male with narrow transverse pore plates (Fig. 18d) on abdominal sternites III–V]...... *tabaci*
- Fore wings first vein with at most 3 distal setae (cf. Fig. 15b); abdominal pleurotergal sculpture different, without closely spaced rows of microtrichia (Fig. 18c); ocellar setae pair III situated outside of ocellar triangle (cf. Fig. 9b) .....29



- **29.** Body yellow; macroptera (Fig. 19a) or microptera (Fig. 19b). [Male microptera, with transverse pore plates on abdominal sternites III–VII].....nigropilosus
- Body dark brown (Fig. 19c); macroptera. [Male with light-colored pore plates on abdominal sternites III-VII]......euphorbiae



30. Body yellowish, or yellowish-brown to brown; abdominal sternite I with 2–3 short setae at anterior margin. [Male with pore plates on abdominal sternites III–VI].......juniperinus

- Body brown to dark brown; abdominal sternite I with no setae at anterior margin. [Male with transverse pore plates on abdominal sternites III-VII]......major

#### Discussion

Of the 6,000 species of Thysanoptera that exist in the world, less than 5 percent has been recorded in Iran (Mirab-balou 2013b), which indicates the fauna of Iran is little known. This study revealed 33 Thrips species were recorded for the fauna of Iran (Table 1); however, there are no sufficient data on most of them i.e. the number of specimens of female and male, host plants, the date of sample collection, their biology and depository. Amongst Iranian Thrips species, T. tabaci is one of the important pests and is widely distributed in this country (Mirab-balou et al. 2009, 2014c), and recently, high number of this species were also collected from the northern provinces of Iran (Mirab-balou et al. 2015a). In addition, T. meridionalis is another important pest in Iran and it has been recorded as a pest of stone fruit trees in Fars province (Alavi et al. 2012), and it was the most common species in Khorasan-e-Razavi Province (Fekrat and Manzari 2014).

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### کلید مصور گونههای جنس Thysanoptera: Thripidae) *Thrips* Linnaeus) در ایران، به همراه لیست بهروز شده گونهها

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چکیده: جنس Thrips Linnaeus) یکی از بزرگترین گونههای تریپسها در ایران است که شامل تعدادی از مهمترین آفات میباشد. اکثر گونههای جنس Thrips دارای رفتار گیاهخواری هستند و روی برگها و گلهای خانوادههای مختلف گیاهان زندگی میکنند. در این مقاله کلید شناسایی ۳۱ گونه از جنس Thrips در ایران تهیه شده است همچنین اطلاعات جدیدی در مورد انتشار جغرافیایی ۱۷ گونه در ایران ارایه شده است.

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