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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER/WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Myoporum Thrips *(Klambothrips myopori)*

Distribution: Originated in Australia or New Zealand. Accidentally introduced and now widespread in Southern California. Described as a new species (and under a new genus name) from specimens collected in California.
Hosts: Attacks various species of *Myoporum*.
Damage: Feeds on foliage, causing distortion and inducing leaf-galls (where adults lay eggs and larvae develop) on host plants. *Myoporum* generally tolerates the leaf damage, but heavy infestations can retard the growth, and lead to defoliation and plant death.
Field ID: Adults (about 2-2.5mm) shiny brown to dark brown, with wings and long posterior tube.
Larvae from white to orange color, wingless.

Adults

Larva

Leaf-galls

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Dead *Myoporum laetum* plants

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