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## 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

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Larva

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Leaf-galls



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Dead *Myoporum laetum* plants