

# Characteristics of New Australian Insects.

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Editors and other bully boys in authority are now becoming so difficult to deal with *sans* losing one's self-respect, that the following matter is withdrawn from them, being that refused by orthodox journals. Discrimination and covert pretexts (as polite refusals, long delays, nonreplies, petty excuses, unauthorised changes, confiscations, *Taenia rubra*, and so forth) by these petty tyrants as well as my own resentment and impatience, have effectually barred them. They ought to be printed if only in defiance of Whim. But I have no desire to lose my labour nor waste what is worthy. Printing in general also feeds on such matter as this and upon Truth.

1. ***Heliothrips bifasciipennis***. Wings heavily 2-banded, 1 just before middle, 2 just before apex, space between distinctly exceeding 2 which is a bit wider than 1. Veins throughout with coarse elongate setae. Black; disk thorax and head, tarsi, apical 2 segments abdomen, tibiae save 2 at base, orange. Proximal and middle hyaline bands wing equal, much exceeding apical. Antennals: 3 longest, over twice longer than wide; 7 minute, longer than wide, not  $\frac{1}{2}$  the elongate 8 which exceeds 6 in length. Head, prothorax, disk scutellum coarsely reticulated. Prothorax 2 rows elongate bristles across, none at hind angles; 4-5 long bristles disk scutellum. Larva white. Fruit passion vine, Yeppoon, Q., Oct. 20, 1925.

2. ***Epimegastigmus brevivalvus***. Orange. Ovipositor  $1/5$  abdomen. Scutellum 4 bristles and median groove. Black: base propodeum mesad; 4 cross-stripes abdomen (apex 2, 3, 4, 5). Funicle 1 equal pedicel. From twig swellings on wild lemon, Nerang, Q., Nov. 2, 1925.

3. ***Scelio Shakespearei***. Legs, abdomen save last 2 segments, first 5-6 antennals, tegulae, golden, wings light dusky. No post marginal. Funicle 1 twice longer than wide. Face punctate, *vertex cross-striate*. Scutum long-striate, foveae between. Segment

1 foveolate = long-striate, a carina each side meson ; rest foveate = rugulose longitudinally. Palpi not seen. Nelson, Q. Segment 2 is longest.

4. **Euthrips seminigricornis.** White, distal 4 antennals jet. Head wider than long, equal prothorax. Antennals: 2 widest, longer than wide ; 3-4 equal, twice longer than wide, cylindric = oval ; 5 same, cylindric ; 6 a bit longest, strongly tapering distad ; 7, a bit, 8 twice longer than wide, together a spicule about half as long as 6. Wings dusky, two longitudinals indicated at base only. No large setae. Foliage, fruit passion vine, Caboolture, Dec. 14, 1925. Also at Mapleton, Q.

5. **Platygastoides magnus.** Wings clear widely from base. Tegulae, legs save coxae, flagellum save club, red. Funicle 1 elongate, exceeding pedicel, 2 quadrate. Head with scattered punctures, thorax above polished. Segment 1 carinated at base and sides, 2 much longest, polished, with lateral carinae at base. Scutellum simple. Nelson, Q.

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