

**Letter to the editor**

**FIRST RECORD OF HOST PLANT OF *Neohydatothrips basilaris* HOOD  
(THYSANOPTERA: THIRIPIDAE) IN CUBA**

Dear Sir:

As a result of a study of thysanopterans fauna in a protected ecosystem in San José de las Lajas, individuals of the species *Neohydatothrips basilaris* Hood were found very abundant on leaves of the species plant *Eupatorium odoratum* L., belonging to the family Compositaceae. This species of thrips was reported for the first time in Cuba by Alayo in 1980, but its host plant was not reported by the author.

Thus it is considered a first record of this plant as host for the insect.

The specimens were processed and mounted using conventional techniques and identified at the Agrarian University of Havana.

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