

Pseudophilothrips ichini

- Common name: Brazilian pepper thrips
- Native to Brazil
- Feeds on the growing tips of Brazilian peppertree
- Both adults and immatures feed and damage Brazilian peppertree
- Feeding by the Brazilian pepper thrips can cause growing tips of the plant to die and can significantly reduce plant growth and vigor
- Immatures feed by piercing young shoots and sucking the plant sap.
- Adults feed on young stems and can also feed on the flowers, causing them to abort.