

Patterns - and lack of patterns - in Thysanoptera host associations

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There is no direct correlation between the number of thrips species in an area and the number of available plant species, nor yet between the number of thrips species and the number of species in any given higher plant taxon with which those thrips are associated. Some plant taxa have a disproportionately large number of associated thrips species, yet other taxa are not exploited. Thrips species richness will be considered in relation to the relatively few plant species on which these insects are dependent.

