Starter key to the UK Pollenia.

All identifications should be confirmed from a full technical key.

- * Not known in Highland.
- **See image.
- 1. Abdomen shiny black, no dusting.

 Abdomen with conspicuous grey dusting.

 P. amentaria
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- 2. Thorax with a dark central stripe at the front.

 Thorax lacking a dark median stripe.

 P. vagabunda
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- 3. Node on underwing with long pale hairs**.

 Node on underwing bare.

 P. pediculata
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- 4. Rear spiracle on thorax dark, brownish**.

 Rear spiracle on thorax pale, yellowish.

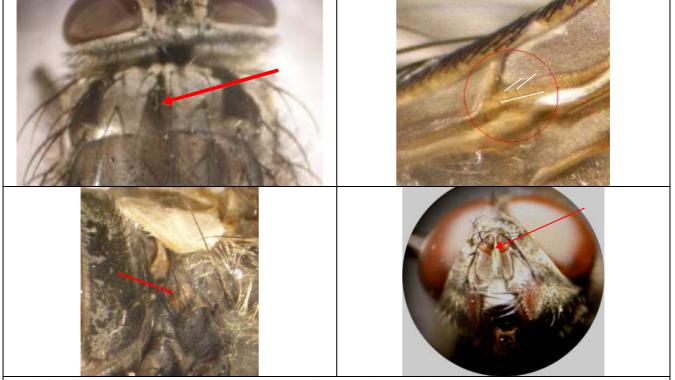
 P. labialis
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- 5. Facial keel absent**.
 Facial keel present.

 P. griseotomentosa
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- 6. Palps mostly yellow. P. viatica* Palps dark.
- 7. Mid and hind femora with yellow hairs below; mid tibia with 1 anterodorsal bristle (pointing outward and forward). Males with sparse, rough, slanting hairs below abdomen.

 Mid and hind femora with black hairs below; mid tibia with 2-3 anterodorsal bristles. Males with dense, fine, erect hairs below abdomen.

P. rudis

P. angustigena



Top left *Pollenia vagabunda* thorax with central dark stripe; top right *P. pediculata* hairy node on wing-vein (hairs enhanced); bottom left *P. labialis* brown spiracle on rear of thorax; bottom right *P. griseotomentosa* face lacking a full-length keel (ridge) between the antennae, though there may be a low ridge (arrowed) at the base.