

***Ceratitis (Ceratalaspis) connexa (Bezzi)***

*Hoplolophomyia connexa* Bezzi, 1926: 283.

Body length: 7.31 (6.85-7.85) mm; wing length: 7.18 (7.00-7.50) mm.

**Male**

Head. Antenna yellow to yellow-orange. Third antennal segment twice as long as second segment. Arista with short hairs over entire length. Frons yellow with lower half shining silvery; with short scattered hairs which are largely the same colour as frons; usually convex, sometimes flat, in lateral view slightly projecting forwards at antennal implant. Lower eye margin without distinct patch, at most slightly darker yellow colouration. Chaetotaxy normal for subgenus, except only one frontal bristle developed, sometimes two additional very small ones.

Thorax. Postpronotum slightly paler yellow than mesonotum, almost white; unspotted. Ground colour of mesonotum pale with yellow tinge; sometimes very pale and thereby obscuring white patches and lines. Chaetotaxy normal for subgenus. Scapular setae black. Two anepisternal bristles, rarely three. Scutellum white basally, otherwise yellow with three black separate markings apically; basally without dark spots. Subscutellum with three separate spots, same position as scutellar spots.

Legs yellow; setation typical for subgenus, mainly pale especially on femora, partly dark reddish. Posterior and posterodorsal rows on fore femur pale, sometimes more reddish.

Wing bands with extensive yellow markings. Banding, marginal band continuous; cubital band joined with discal band, medial with marginal band; crossvein r-m at middle of discal cell (occasionally just before middle). Crossvein dm-cu posteriorly more inwards than anteriorly.

Abdomen. Yellow ground colour. Anterior margin of fourth abdominal tergite with four and fifth tergite with two less distinct spots; no distinct banding.

**Female**

As male except for the following characters: Antenna yellow. Three frontal bristles, of approximately equal length. Oviscape shorter than abdominal terga 3-6 combined.

(Description after De Meyer, 1998)