

***Hoplolophomyia cristata* (Bezzi)**

Hoplolopha cristata Bezzi, 1920: 234.

Body length: 6.25 (5.70-6.70) mm; wing length: 6.75 (5.80-7.70) mm.

Male

Head: Antenna yellow or yellow-orange. First flagellomere three times as long as pedicel. Arista with short hairs. Frons convex, in lateral view not projecting at antennal implant; yellowish area in between orbital bristles silvery shining; with short scattered hairs which are distinctly darker than frons. Two black frontal bristles well-developed. Three black orbital bristles, slightly elevated ('cristate'); basally slightly flattened laterally, sometimes truncated in lower part. Face yellow-white; lower eye margin silvery pilose, posteriorly with small, darker patch. Genal bristle long and dark; genal setulae dark, well-developed.

Thorax: Postpronotum white, without spot. Scutum, ground colour orange-grey, with streaks and darker markings but no distinct spots or clearly defined stripes. Scapular setae dark. Scutellum yellowish white, basally without distinct basal spots, but with ill defined basal patches, sometimes missing; apically with three black separate spots, reaching to basal third or midlength. Subscutellum with three spots, merging dorsally; completely black in some cases. Anepisternum white, lower margin narrowly yellow; one black anepisternal bristle, otherwise pale pilosity except for few dark hairs along upper and lower margin.

Legs: greyish white or more yellowish; elongated, stilt-like; no distinct bushy or feathery pilosity. Fore femur posterodorsal row pale, apically with a few darker hairs, sometimes completely dark; ventral bristles black; hind femur sometimes with dispersed black bristles anteroventrally and posteroventrally. Otherwise legs with mixed pale and darkish pilosity.

Wing: yellow-brown markings. Cubital band free; medial band joining marginal band, but usually with narrow bridge. Crossvein r-m at basal 2/5 to third of discal cell. Vein R₁ extending beyond crossvein r-m. Crossvein dm-cu variable.

Abdomen: Yellow to orange. Tergite 1 with posterior margin very narrowly brown. Tergite 2 with posterior margin greyish; tergite 4 wholly grey except anterior margin. Tergite 3 brown-black except for posterior margin.

Female

As in male except for the following characters. Orbital bristles not cristate, sometimes only two present, even asymmetrically in one specimen; frons with median part sometimes less silvery. Oviscape shorter than preabdomen.

(Description after De Meyer & Copeland, 2000)