

***Neoascia* and *Sphegina* species—The chitinous bridge character**

Stubbs & Falk's British Hoverflies key refers to a "chitinous bridge" in the keys for *Neoascia* and *Sphegina* (pages 134 and 137).

The images below are intended to clarify where this feature is and what it looks like. To see this feature one needs to look at the underside of the specimen. The chitinous bridge is just behind and above the hind coxae.

The top image shows the complete bridge of *Neoascia podagrica* (there is a very small break in the centre). The bottom image shows the incomplete bridge of *Neoascia tenur*. Note: the two images are orientated differently

