Members of the genus Pollenia are commonly referred to as cluster flies. Taxonomy of some species groups (Rognes 1987, 1991) and their life history (Thomas & Davies 1973a, 1973b) are well documented. The occurrence of clustering in buildings is referred to in nearly all references to Pollenia species. However, outside of manmade structures, the winter habits of adults are not well recorded. In fact, a search of pertinent literature returned only one reference. Dennys (1927) reported overwintering adults of Pollenia rudis collected from tunnels of “wood borers”.

I collected three live adult P. rudis from abandoned galleries of Bolitotherus cornutus (Panzer) (Coleoptera: Tenebrionidae) in rotting hoof fungi (Fomes fomentarius [L. ex Fr.] Kickx). A larva of B. cornutus was also collected in a separate piece or hoof fungus. The hoof fungus was growing approximately one meter above the ground on a rotting hardwood stump. Specimen data as follows: 2♀, 1♂-USA, New York, Tompkins County, 5 miles S of Danby, 14:I:1995.

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