

Is it pollution?

Pollen

What is pollen?

- Pollen is a fine powder made by trees and plants.
- It is mostly released from January to May, especially during warm weather.
- Common in Scotland from Spruce and Conifer trees.

How does it spread?

- When many trees of the same species grow together, large amounts of pollen are released.
- Light wind during late spring and early summer helps carry it long distances.

What does pollen look like?

- Fine yellow dust on cars and objects
- Yellow paint slicks on water, especially near shorelines and rocks

Scan the QR code to view the pollen fact sheet which includes images to help identify pollen.



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If you see yellow dust or slicks in spring/summer, it's likely just pollen and not pollution.

If you do spot something that you think may be pollution contact the Pollution Hotline on

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