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When it comes to bugs that small, size and color are the most important consideration then body shape. If you can match those then you are on your way to some very good fishing.

Caught on tape. BWO's (baetis) swim to the bottom to lay their eggs, then drift up to the film and float there after they die. This is why you sometimes don't catch fish during a BWO hatch, the fish are taking the spent spinners under the surface film and not the hatching insects. A good thing to try is to use a tandem rig that has a BWO dry as a point and the sunken spinner as the dropper.

I don't think that flying ants would be out this time of the year despite the weather we've had, in fact I haven't seen an ant lately either. But midges are present and if you were seeing midges in the egg laying stage they could have looked like little dumbbells. You can't see it in the photo, but most midges have a head slightly larger than the body.