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Thanks for the discussion guys. My initial thought was some type of Baetis as well given the size and the timing, but I am FAR from an expert in these matters and I trust pcray's knowledge on the number of tails.

pcray - I guess "a lot" is a relative term that I should have better quantified. I'd say it's a lot for a small, relatively infertile freestoner, but it's not as if I've ever seen a massive hatch of these guys. They're present to some degree more days than not when I'm on that stream (except for the dead of Winter), and there's enough of them to take notice. There aren't fish rising everywhere in unison to them, but you'll see several get taken on top throughout the day if they're present. It is by far the most prevalent and consistent Mayfly on this stream.

The day in November that I took the picture was probably the highest density of any day I've seen them though...there was a good half dozen on my truck bed when I was packing up to leave. That said, I've seen them in the Spring, Summer, and early Fall too. I probably fish this stream more than any other in the area, but I don't think I've ever noticed this particular bug on any of its neighboring streams...could be wrong though.

Generally with this size and general color I would just assume BWO and tie one on, but when I caught one and got a good look I noticed the reddish/brown tint to the body and thought the Red Quill would be the better imitation.