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Well, from the post, I'm not sure whether you're a total beginner, or know the basics and were looking for a more exact ID.

So, start with the obvious. It's a mayfly. Dun stage. All mayfly's have the same basic body shape, number of legs, etc.

Now for the exact ID, which is more difficult. Nice pics. 2 tails, plain wings, minute hind wing. Based on that plus size and color, it's in the Baetis genus. There are a large number of species within the genus, but they're all pretty similar for our purposes, and we call them all blue winged olives (BWO's).

Note, there are other genus's, with significantly different characteristics which are important for fishermen, which are also called blue winged olives. The common name covers a lot of different bugs.