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Topic: : Large Sulphur - Ephemerella Invaria

Re: One from the weekend

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I would argue that you couldn't use body size to distinguish between drunella and ephemerella invaria. The Drunella cornutas (late olives, or large olives as I call them) I've run across are often 14's and 16's. And that's roughly the same size as ephemerella invaria, and bigger than dorothea.

Nonetheless, agree with you on the final ID, and that you can distinguish between those two on color.

The veining and costal lobe I kind of leave out of ID's. It is a quicker method to get to the same place, but in pictures it's often hard to distinguish either, and even harder in person. Heck, I often struggle to see whether there is a large hind wing or not, much less see a lobe on it.