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Rolling thru my mayfly photos I was able to take a many pictures at one of the Spring Jams two years ago. I wanted to demonstrate the differences the differences between spinner (imago) male and female. These two coffin flies (Ephemera guttulata) attached show these differences.

Male (top photo)

Long fore legs

Rear claspers or forceps at rear of body

Eyes on a male tend to be larger and more bulbus

Female

Short fore wing

Forceps do not exist

Smaller flatter eyes

Attach file:

 **Coffin Fly Male 2010-05-17.jpg** (47.09 KB)



 **Coffin Fly Female 2010-05-17.jpg** (61.87 KB)

