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This question brings up an important idea when identifying may flies. He calls this mayfly; Male *Maccaffertium modestum* (Cream Cahill).

When you type in the search box cream cahill you get this; *Maccaffertium mediopunctatum* (Cream Cahill). The first is a very different fly from the second. Size is perhaps the biggest difference, the first fly isn't even a 1/4 inch long, 5 mm while the second fly is over a 1/2 inch long, 13.5 mm. Without a picture I wouldn't bet on either but it could also be *P. mollis* which is probably the most prolific hatch of small flies this time of the year 3/8 inch or 8 mm. Size is everything.