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Gaerbear, I'm not sure there is a "normal" when it comes to tying comparaduns. Here's what I do:

Start thread behind the eye, and wrap back to the end of the shank. Tight touching turns.

Tie in tail, wrap up to wing tie in point. Tie in wing, making the wraps progressively tighter as you tie down the butts, and placing each wrap behind (toward the tail) the last. After 8 wraps or so, lift the butts up and cut at a 45 degree angle so the butts are tapered. Don't let go of the butts before you cut them. Cover butts, and wrap thread back to the tail, making an even taper. Keep it skinny!

Make one wrap behind and under the tails to lift them slightly, and make one wrap in front to lock it down. Dub up to one wrap of dubbed thread behind the wing, and stop.

This is the key - use a half hitch tool inserted over the eye to push the wing upright. I actually push the tool over the tie in point. This "creases" the hair, and it stands upright with no thread dam.

Finish the last dubbed wrap tight to the back of the wing, and make the next dubbed wrap tight to the front of the wing. Continue dubbing to the hook eye, leaving just enough room to whip finish.

Tying in the wing this way results in a wing that won't tip front or back over time. After I whip finish, I spread the wing out with my fingers into a 180 degree fan shape. Since the wing is pinched tight between the dubbing wraps, it stays pretty much where you put it.