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CDC=cul de cannard , french for a ducks a-hole , there is a gland there that excretes stuff that ducks use to preen and waterproof their feathers. Since these feathers are right there where the gland is the get the "stuff" all over them thus making them extra waterproof at least that's the theory. I said i like CDC for tying downwing flies but i also made a point to say especially the small ones. As a wing on a 20 or smaller caddis , stonefly , etc. i think they are not only great floaters but much easier to tie than trying to stack an elk hair wing to fit a #24 fly , and the powder floatant barring something else happening to the fly will keep it floating all day , when a regular EHC gets waterlogged the powder floatant also works great on those too.