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osprey wrote:

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. .

Yeah, people will say that, but unless you are pulling the CDC off the duck any preen oil is long gone. The feathers are not waterproof, they just have a very large surface area with all the fibers branching off in a fractal fashion. (As an aside, waterproof does not equal floatation. It is almost all about surface area relative to density. You can make a boat out of lead afterall).

Here is a nice article by Hans Weilenmann that covers the oil topic and other ins and outs of CDC and also has some nice patterns:

<http://globalflyfisher.com/tiebetter/tying-with-cdc/>

I still think it's all marketing,

Mike.