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The term "emerger" is just too vague and used for many different flies.

For example, a Sulphur Comparadun with a trailing shuck. I was surprised to hear people refer to these as "emergers", but apparently many people do.

If you refer to the fly as " a Sulphur Comparadun with a trailing shuck" it's pretty clear what you mean.

If you say "Sulphur emerger" it's not clear what you mean. There are a whole of patterns that fall into that category and many of them are very different from each other.

The term was originally used for flies that basically looked like the nymph with the wings (and sometimes the front of the body) emerging.

And they were meant to be fished either in the film or just below, i.e. wet, but with no weight.

Pheasant tails are nymphs, not emergers.

Parachutes, and Comparaduns are dry flies, and imitate the adult dun. If you put a trailing shuck on these, you COULD call that an emerger. But the fly is still mainly an imitation of the adult dun, with just the shuck trailing off.