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Quote:

As long as a "slate drake" pattern work for the Hex hatch and vice versa, who cares?

Sometimes it doesn't. Often it does if you are trying to figure things out. For instance, if you are trying to experience the "slate drakes", and picking the right streams, stream sections, and times to meet such a hatch, perhaps it matters a lot.

In addition, there's a fairly LARGE difference between these two.

Iso's don't hatch in the water, they crawl to shore like a stonefly. So dun patterns are rather unimportant during the hatch. They're very good swimmers, so dead drifting nymphs in the film is also likely to strike out. But if you see a lot of duns flying about, you can infer that there are nymphs swimming towards shore in mass, and likely trout lining the bankside drop-offs waiting for them. Not seeing risers is normal, doesn't mean the trout aren't on em. Swimming nymphs around like a streamer towards the banks can be deadly, as Beast Brown alludes to.

But hex's, that's a different story. Nymphs swim to the surface and duns emerge on top. Dead drifting nymphs deep, in the film, using emergers, or duns, are all in play during the hatch itself.

The spinner fall for both can be similar, except for which locations get em and a slight difference in time of year.