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Yeah, I've always considered calling E. Vitreus a sulfur as being a bastardization. E. Vitreus is a pink lady! Err, umm, yellow quill. Err, umm, PED!

The truth is that there is no standard for common names. Nothing is "wrong". And one guys sulphur is another's cahill.

I'm merely rather biological based and do my best to keep the common names isolated within at least a family, preferably a genus or species. E. Vitreus is much more closely related to Quill Gordons, or even cahills and MB's, than it is to the traditional sulfur species.

The one that really gets my ire is BWO. Baetids, ok, there are a bunch of them, and they all look reasonably similar. I'm ok with calling them all BWO's. But then you have Drunella Lata. Totally unrelated, and the differences are quite important. It deserves a different name! Calling both groups BWO only serves to confuse people...