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BWO fly yes, as in, the two varieties of bugs are awfully similar in color. So if you were to compare a dun pattern of one vs. a dun pattern of the other, the main difference would be size.

For somebody fishing the 2 hatches, though, that's about where the similarities end. There is far more to fishing a hatch than merely the color of the bug. In fact, I'd say that is one of the least important factors to know about the bug, but unfortunately the most observable.

There's obviously differences in size, time of year, what kind of streams they come off of, etc. There are also real differences regarding what type of habitat they inhabit (riffles vs. pools, etc.), hatching behavior (and hence the effectiveness of nymphs, wets, emergers, floating nymphs, etc. in comparison to just duns). And in the spinner form, the colors are actually quite different, and Drunella actually offers excellent concentrated spinner falls which are worth chasing while the Baetis do not.