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Likewise, the *vitreus* sulfur may look like the other sulfurs in size and color, so you could use the dry as the dun for either, except that the vitreus hatches on bottom, and flies off pretty quickly when it reaches the surface, so fishing a dun is likely to be less successful than for the other sulfur, and even there the "regular" sulfur hatches right in the film, and an emerger is likely to be a better choice. Spinner behavior is different, too. The vitreus sulfurs dip their tails into the water to deposit eggs; regular sulfurs drop them from above.

I think it's unfortunate that some insect share their names with fly patterns. I've often suspected that one of the reasons the Adams is such an effective pattern is that there is no insect by that name; it doesn't put anybody in the mind set that it can only be used during one hatch.

FWIW, I've had good luck fishing a yellow X-caddis over both types of sulfurs on occasion. Don't get too hung up on names of flies.