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Maurice wrote:

Yeah those last two are big...I'd say some sort of drake. Even the wings are a coarsly mottled like a drake. and the top of the abdomen is contrasting too much for Cahills.

They're not drakes. The dead give away is the "arm bands" on upper segment of the front legs -- generally, only heptagenids (clinger nymph mayflies) have them. (None of the drakes do.)

There's probably a dozen or more species within that family that are called "Cahills". They vary in color with exact species, gender, dun vs spinner, location where they're found, and time of season. You can't go by color.

Some of them are quite large. Here's a picture from troutnut that shows one that's somewhere between a size 10 and a size 8:

[Troutnut light cahill](#)