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Re: Blue Quill/Quill Gordon
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Actually in my world they are two different bugs:

The Blue Quill is actually the *Paraletophlebia adoptiva*

DUN INFO

Size: about 6-8 mm long (hook size 18-16)
Body Color: Reddish brown
Tails: Brown
Wings: Medium gray
Legs: Brown

For an imitation I tie a size 18 reddish brown dubbed body parachute or thorax pattern with a medium gray Z-Lon wing and brown hackle.

The Quill Gordon is actually the *Eporus pleuralis*

DUN INFO

Size: about 9-12 mm long (hook size 12-10)
Body Color: Light grayish brown with yellow banding
Tails: Dark gray
Wings: Medium gray
Legs: Grayish brown

For an imitation I tie a size 12 grayish/yellow dubbed body parachute or thorax pattern with a medium gray Z-Lon wing and medium dun hackle.

My approach to mayfly imitations isn't as romantic as tying specific named patterns for specific hatches but it does work for me. For all of my mayflies I just look up the real bug and tie either a parachute or thorax with the right colors for the bug I am attempting to imitate. I don't do the *named* patterns like Quill Gordon, Red Quill, Grey Fox, etc for ANY mayflies; just the same two basic styles with size & color variations.

Also a lot of the "matches" for Bug A; also work pretty good for Bug C because the size and colors are close enough.

I've been doing it this way ever since I got pissed at Halford and Skues one day when they wouldn't tell me their

fly dressings or lasagna recipes and I decided to go it my own way.