COMPARADUN

Recipe
Hook…………Standard dry fly; #12-18
Thread…….....Ultra thread 70 color to match body dubbing
Tail..…………Dry fly hackle fibers to match wing color. Example: Coq de Leon
Body..………...Superfine dubbing, color to match mayfly
Wing………….Summer deer hair (short and fine) or comparadun deer hair
Head….….…..Thread

1. Start thread at the mid shank of the hook and work back to the hook barb. Build up a slight thread bump at the barb.

2. Tie on the hackle fibers just above the thread bump to make the tail rise slightly. Tail length should equal the length of the hook shank.

3. Cut a bundle of deer hair that will cover the top 180 degrees of the hook. Stack the deer hair. Secure the deer hair about 1/3 of shank length from the hook eye; tips facing over the hook eye with 5 or 6 turns of thread.

4. Trim the long butt fibers of deer hair at an angle. Wrap the thread over stub creating a gradual taper from wing to tail.

5. Pull the fibers of the wing (deer hair) back and make several wraps in front of wing.

6. Wrap the thread back to the tail. Make a dubbing noodle and dub body increasing thickness from the tail to the wing. Wrap two tight turns of dubbing just behind the back of the wing. Pull the deer hair wing back and continue wrapping dubbing tightly in front of deer hair base.

7. Create a thread head behind the hook eye. Tie off thread using half hitches or whip finish.

8. Using your fingers, work the deer hair backwards and around the top half of the hook shank creating a wing of 180 degrees. All the wing deer hair should be on top of the fly.

Note: Different colors of deer hair, thread and dubbing can be used to match the Mayfly hatch you are trying to imitate. The hackle fiber tail can be replaced with a zelon fibered tail equal to 2/3 of the hook shank to imitate a trailing shuck (sparkle dun). Or the tail may be tied with a clump of deer hair (same as the wing) to create a high floating fly for rough water (haystack).