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> Padraic wrote:
> I like to try to consider presentation when pairing a dry fly with a dropper.
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> For instance, if I am going to use a dry that is fished actively. For instance, a caddis that is twitched and skittered. I like to pick a wet fly, over a nymph. Wets seem to do better when fished actively, so it's a good pairing.

I think Padraic brigs up a great point about tandems. Or as I call them droppers. I fish mine off the bend of the dry. I use duns for particular hatches; sulfurs, slate drakes, caddis, and humpies as well as hoppers and beetles. From the dry I drop emergers or nymphs/pupae depending on the seasonal forage base.

Regarding presentation, I have found that putting a piece of small shot will suspend the nymph more vertically. The effect of the shot causes the dry to "tug" a little when the dropper line straightens often triggering strikes from the apparant life or struggle of the dry to stay afloat. Also a twitch can "hop" the dry again triggering strikes to the dry.

I really don't count on the strikes on the dry but use it as more of a strike indicator and "suspender" of the wetfly over multiple current breaks and cuts. But I can tell you that when you bring a caddis across a few currents with a pupae and shot below it hops across the water and trout love this. You miss alot of them because of the dropper but for me the strike on top is thrilling enough.

Good thread guys.

Maurice