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Re: Tandem combinations

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Padraic wrote:

I like to try to consider presentation when pairing a dry fly with a dropper.

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 brings 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 apparent 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 a lot of them because of the dropper but for me the strike on top is thrilling enough.

Good thread guys.

Maurice