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Dark vs Light colored bugs?

2 vs 3 Tails?

Mayflies vs Caddis vs Midges?

For most times, that is enough. The more hatches you fish, the easier actual bug ID becomes. I have a few books that I refer to when encountering a hatch, just to get more familiar with the bug and learn some stuff. If I were to pick two reference books, for mayflies it would be "Hatches II", and "Caddisflies" by Gary LaFontaine. Also, on-line I use Troutnut quite a bit, especially for photos.

If every season you work on learning more about a few new hatches, before you know it, you have many of the major PA hatches covered.

BTW, here's a great hatch chart by Charlei Meck (link below) that includes nearly all significant hatches. The best thing about the chart is it includes some info on where the insect hatches in the water column and the type of water it inhabits. This chart is worth saving and using as a reference:

<http://www.charlesmeck.com/hatchchart.html>

I wrote in an earlier post that I had some Quill Gordon flies burning a hole in my dry fly box. So I'd like to try to hit that hatch. Chaz posted that he knows a bunch of streams in SE PA where they hatch, but he's not telling! 🙄