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pcray1231 wrote:

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One of my secrets that I discovered long ago on the stream, is skating March Brown dries

Interesting. I am aware of, but rarely use the skate/skitter method. I do occasionally give a twitch in some situations, especially with brookies.

But last year during a MB spinner fall on Oil Creek, after dark, the guy I was with was having trouble with a steadily rising fish. It was directly below him. He'd drift it over perfectly many times, no take, but on his pick up for the next cast it kept hitting as the fly came over top (and he'd miss it). I told him to just lift slower, and then drop, repeatedly skating it over top. Sure enough, he was into a good fish in short order.

My MB story came a long time ago when I lived in NE PA. I was fishing "the stretch" on Bowmans, at the Barn Pool. As I arrived, I observed fish rising to March Browns. I rigged up with a MB dry and covered every riser with a dead drift along the entire pool (+/- 150 yards) without a touch. I stood at the head of the pool dumbfounded since I captured a few bugs and my fly was right on. I turned around and cast quartering downstream to a rising fish, and at the end of the drift, the fly began to skate on the surface and a nice brown slammed it. I repeated skating the same fly all the way back down through the same pool I just fished through, and caught 10 or 12 nice fish in water I just got blanked in fishing with a dead drift presentation. Ever since that day, I try a dead-drift presentation first, if that doesn't work, I try skating or skittering my fly, especially for MBs.

One note on this strategy, less is more. Just try to move your fly a fraction of an inch if possible. Also the less line you have on the water the better. If that doesn't work, try skating the fly more aggressively. Another tip. try to move the fly just above, and not right over a rising fish. In other words move it just when it enter their sight window. Give it a try.