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Re: Patterns that are a Must Have

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pccray1231 wrote:

Green Drakes are very common on freestoners, probably more common than on limestoners. Though, NW PA does seem to lack them, and replace them with hexes, but without any personal experience I'd think a GD would be a fine substitute for a hex.

I love sculpins, you can fish them as a true sculpin (bottom bounces) or like any other standard streamer. But they are more of a limestone thing. Not that they're not on freestoners, but they are probably the premier baitfish on many limestoners. Did fairly well last weekend on them. I use them more than buggers. Nothing beats a black sculpin in brownish water.

I'm just sharing my opinion.

Yes, the hex can be found in NWPA, but if I ever got into that hatch or a GD hatch in NWPA, I'd probably tie on an elk hair caddis. They will be there too, and the trout will notice even if the angler does not.

Sculpin? Yea, I know they work. I'm just thinking it is a little difficult for a beginner. And if I needed to pare down the list, it would go and the wooly buggers would stay.

I do think your list is a good one, but my must have would be different especially for a beginner.

For example, every list needs to have an elk hair caddis. You have CDC caddis. That might even be better, but elk hair is much cheaper and you don't need a special TLA based on a french name to hide the fact that you are using feathers from a duck's butt. they should have just called it a duck butt caddis.

Green drake's hatches don't last long, so at best it is a "must have" for a very short time (IMHO). it is rather specific. I would not include them as a must have on my fly box. By the time they hatch, I should have some room in my box to pick up a couple on the way to the stream.

Sculpin works well, but too difficult.

I'm just sharing my opinion, and nobody should view it as being argumentative. Neither of us is wrong. This type of thread should be about sharing opinions and experiences. these are just a few ideas and a couple jokes.

By the way, the best way to fish a sculpin is on the surface as a bass bug. 😊

I admire anyone who can catch trout with them consistently.