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Re: Help with Wet Flies

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phillyfly wrote:

I would like to get into fishing and tying some wet flies this season but I really have no idea how to fish them other than a dead drift. I noticed on other threads a partridge and orange, hares ear, and pt wets are must haves. Can someone please explain in moron terms what it means to "swing" a wet fly.

Philly,

Wet flies are very easy to fish, and a fun way to catch them. No need to worry getting a good drift and strike detection, the fish often try to pull the rod out of your hand!

The basic way to fish wets is a downstream and across cast. The fly will slowly swing across the current and end up directly below you. You can leave it hang in the current for a bit, sometimes that's where the strike will happen, and strip it back upstream a little ways and recast.

I often cast up and across and highstick (keep your rod high and most of your line off the water) to dead drift the fly and let it swing, sit, and strip as I described above. This allows the fish to pick when presentation it is looking for that day. Often the strike will come when the fly begins to swing.

Take two steps downstream repeat. You can cover a lot of water when wet fly fishing, and as I said, no need to sweat getting a good drift or detecting a strike.

Once you learn to fish wets you can get fancy and make mends upstream to slow the swing and downstream to speed it up. But stick to the basics for now. Good luck.

BTW, all the flies you mentioned are GREAT flies to try in PA streams! Give them a try.