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Re: Dry Fly Fishing Tips
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> 3wt7X wrote:
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> I have found that if you slow down and simply watch the entire area of stream that you are fishing, then often a larger fish will appear in some unlikely places. Often, these places are tucked right against the bank in very shallow water, or in an obscure back eddy that does not become apparent unless you are really looking for it. Regardless, if you have patience and use your observation skills, the bigger fish will present themselves.

Great stuff. I have caught some of my largest surface feeders within inches of the bank, often in 5 or 6 inches of water. Places like spring creek, valley creek, and penns creek are perfect places to fish the margins.

It makes casting more exciting, as well. Tossing casts up into the bushes is what makes dry fly fishing fun for me. They're too easy to cast, otherwise 😃.

I will add that once you've seen a few rises in these areas, you'll know what kind of water to look for when using a dry during less active times. This is especially the case during terrestrials or stonefly emergences. Time spent studying large fish in the margins of the stream will teach you where to cast on days where they aren't actively rising.

I will also add that these fish are often much more stealthy about feeding. There have been times that I drifted under a few branches, just to see the fly disappear with a light "smack". I pulled tight, and it was a 15 inch fish. I would have never noticed him rising to BWO emergers, but I knew where to look for him from previous experience.