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Hammerhead81 wrote:

Is to nymph or dry fly a seasonal decision or is it day to day?

Neither, its a matter of taste and decorum.

Seriously, though, I think the question has been well answered already, but to be vaguely useful, allow me to give you my simple way to identify mayflies versus caddisflies:

Caddis flies flutter about over the water, their wingbeats remind me of moths although without the chaos of direction in flight.

Mayflies are a much more graceful looking flyer, with their translucent wings and long, bodies and tails they look more more... Well, graceful. I know I said that already, but I can only be so descriptive after a long day.

Once you've seen the two side-by-side in flight, it becomes very obvious.

At rest, the caddis wing fold back and over the body, making a little tent for them. Mayfly wings will either stand up, or out flat perpendicular from the body, but do not fold over the body.

Oh, and those other flies with the long, wings folded flat (not tented) over the body. Stoneflies.

Sure there's more, and I'm sure my theory can be picked apart, but its what I go by, at least.