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mgh-pa wrote: but the best way to describe it would be like a thinner bodied moth. Almost a large version of a trico (from what I've researched). Any idea what his might have been? Oddly enough, there were NO rises, but that leads to my first major question.

The only rule is that there are no rules.

But, there's a guideline:

If it flutters like a moth, but without the chaotic flight path, its a caddis fly. When it sits at rest, its wings will fold back and over and tent the body like a pup tent.

If it hovers along gracefully, with its body hanging low and somewhat extended, its a mayfly. If its sitting still, and the wings are up pointing to the sky, its a dun. If its wings are down, out to the side, its a spinner.

I won't lie, I'm not really aware of what a stonefly in flight looks like, but at rest it reminds of an out of proportion ant, in a way. THE wings are long, and flat across and inline with its back. As I've said, stonefly.

Matching a hatch? Caddis or mayfly, pick whatcha see. Which one? Well, that's easier... If its about yeah big, and kinda brown, then pick a fly that's about yeah big, and kinda brown. It doesn't require the entomology degree that some make it out to be. Will those guys catch more than you? Maybe, but they may also spend more time obsessing over taxonomy than they do enjoying life. :)

My theory on rises are as simple, but probably less on target. Still, I bet they're good enough for government work...Soviet government work, at least: If its just sort of sipping off the surface, and barely breaking, its probably mayflies emerging or spinners falling, midges in the film, etc. If its breaking the surface with splashing, its probably a caddis emerger. If its coming out of the water entirely, its gotta be caddis emergers or even caddis in flight.