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kyle1248 wrote:

Hey guys, I have been fly fishing now for about 6 months and have yet to fish with a Wooley Bugger, all my fishing has consisted of dead drifting nymphs and midges and junk flies (san juan, green weenie etc.). I figured I should add some Wooley Buggers to my box but was just curious what size everyone recommends? I have read that I need to use fairly stout tippet such as 3-4x with the Buggers but how do I fish them? Is it as simple as casting downstream and across and stripping the Bugger back towards me? Do you typically use a splitshot above the Bugger to get the fly down? Any help would be appreciated.

Buggers are very versatile. You can dead drift them like a nymph, let them swing in the current, and/or strip them in slowly or quickly. Try all three methods to see what works best.

As far as weight, I like my buggers weighted to keep them down deep, although sometimes the fish will chase them near the surface. If you flies aren't weighted a split-shot will work to get them deeper. I like to pin the shot right in front of the hook eye when I use one, but a lot of guys keep the shot 8-10" above the fly.

The most popular bugger colors are Olive, Brown, Black and White. They all work at one time or another. Olive or black is good in waters with hellgrimmities, while brown or olive imitates cray fish and sculpins well, and white is a good representation for many baitfish. Smaller buggers could imitate larger nymphs and a whole bunch of other stuff in the stream or river.

The saying "you can't fish them wrong" was "invented" when talking about buggers. Good luck.

PS - I just read Ol' Festus's post about buggers. Ol' Festus is a crafty fisherman, an expert fly tyer, and a deadly marksman with both gun and bow.....but remember no one hits the bullseye every time..... 😊