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I have, perhaps sadistically, tossed these creeps into spider webs that I allow to persist in certain spots in my apartment. It seems to me that house spiders will trap and wrap these stink bugs, but after a few sucks, cut them loose. Just about anything else, such as silverfish, they will suck dry. Not a valid sample perhaps.

Anyway, if fish react with similar culinary repugnance, the beetle profile that has always been a winner trout fly could temporarily become a turn-off in an area where they enter the water in good numbers, hence establishing a pattern of avoidance for fish, not attraction.

I certainly agree that on first greeting, the pattern profile of the stink bug is too much like every other beetle and will likely get eaten. But, then we have to factor in the stink release and whether that happens in the stream, and whether that release would result in a last-second refusal by an olfactorily insulted trout.

Just theories of a madman with too much time on his hands, today.