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Re: Beetle Patterns

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DGC wrote:

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.

Makes sense to me.

There's a big lady bug migration in this part of the state later in the fall, usually about mid-October and I've often wondered if fish key on their profile (or come to avoid it as you suggest) during that time of year. Since I've had great beetle fishing in the fall in past years, I'd hedge a bet that trout seek, rather than avoid, general beetle shaped food sources.

Maybe something to look out for later this year.

Time to flick some bugs in the water. :)