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Yo,

Sounds to me like you're doing things pretty much by the book. Don't get discouraged. Your choice of flies was good - no need to go smaller IMO.

My suggestions, first off, would be to ditch the super fine tippet (2lb test is WAY too light for Pennypack Cr this time of year). With such fine line you're much more likely to break off a hooked fish. For nymph fishing on Penny this time of year I'd use something more around 4-6lb test. They're stocked fish and not sophisticated. 2lb test is for specialty situations. However, even fresh stockies can get lockjaw from incessant fishing pressure. Those fish have been hammered since Saturday and probably need a break from pressure before they start feeding readily. They can also be spooky. If it's possible to do so, try approaching them from downstream rather than from above. Trout always face into the current which means they're almost always facing upstream and if you approach from that direction they're more likely to see you and refuse to bite. Also, by casting upstream to the fish your fly gets a better chance to sink and drift naturally to the fish. You definitely want to be behind the fish (downstream from them) if you're a new nymph fisherman.

As for the Xink, I don't use it. I'd recommend split shot for this time of year. The Xink won't get your fly to the bottom. You're right that shot does change the feel of casting but it's an adjustment you'll want to make as using shot is a necessary adaptation for catching fish this time of year under most circumstances.