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Re: How to select streamer sizes.

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Yo,

Streamer flies can be "attractors" as this usually implies a rather brightly colored fly that really doesn't look like anything natural but catches fish because it gets their attention. I think, nowadays, the term "attractor" is often associated with dry flies. Streamers are almost always fished below the surface with some sort of movement to imitate swimming prey.

Regarding size of streamers: it's a crap shoot based on conditions and personal preference. Yes, small trout will hit large streamers - for example, a 8" trout hitting a 3" streamer - but that doesn't mean you should use flies this size when targeting trout this size. When little fish hit big streamers they often miss the hook. Also, big streamers tend to be more wind resistant and heavy and thus harder to cast. Personally, I enjoy throwing enormous streamers but I also use a 7 or 8WT rod when doing it and am not targeting small trout but rather very large trout or warm water species. For your typical small PA stream, like Pennypack Creek, that has average size stocked trout I'd recommend a streamer 1" to 2" long.