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The differences among crane fly larvae are extreme. The Antocha live in rocky areas of trout streams, are very small and hatch in the stream. The big ones you only see in silty stream sections after they have been disturbed are a juicy wriggling, writhing specimen and depending on which one, easily a couple of inches long. I have seen these in the Yellow Breeches. Whitlock came up with a pattern for the big ones. The little Antocha versions are probably only useful as wet flies, if then. The mid size ones buzz the surface to lay eggs and get attention from trout. I have skated hackled dries with occasional success after seeing them in action, but the misses outnumber the hookups, at least for me.