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Re: Tan Caddis

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Well, I enjoying throwing verbal wrenches into well-reasoned advice, but I find trout unable to distinguish size if it is off one hook size up or down.

When I encounter a hatch, I always try to find a variety of flies that approximate the natural I am observing. Sometimes the "right" size isn't the one that gets the strike. You also have "performance issues," such as how high or low the fly rides (if a dry), how the naturals are behaving (skitter or dead-drift, etc.), and whether the fish, or the particular fish you are tossing to, have settled on a certain key-- maybe size, maybe shape or posture or action-- or are randomly selecting naturals according to a feeding "rhythm."

I like a caddis pattern in approximate color and size that can be pulled under and "popped" to the surface when you are in the strike zone. The "emergent" form of LaFontaine-ish caddis wets can work this way, with a little grease on the short-wing, but also the non-palmered elk/dear hair caddis. Other times, if the heavily palmered one is working, I find it way easier to keep track of and keep floating, so I will favor these if they are working often enough to satisfy me.