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Except maybe steelheading, I still don't believe I've ever met a leader or tippet shy fish. Ever.

Drag shy? Yep. Spooked by line slap? Yep. Spray from false casts? Yep.

Adjust the leader and the cast to best handle the drag. Going both longer and finer on the tippet helps, I usually try longer first. I almost never go all the way down to 7x. Use the most subtle and high floating tippet you can find, usually that's a copolymer, not a fluoro. Cast far enough upstream of the fish that the line slap ain't spooking him. When false casting, aim away from the fish as to not spray him.

But yeah, there are some situations where it's just real tough. Can't get close enough to control drag enough without spooking them. In those cases, go elsewhere and return when the water is higher or has some color to it.