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Re: Hexagenia

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There are lots of streams in PA with good hex hatches. Especially, but not limited to western PA. But it's mostly a June-July thing, I think they're pretty well past now.

That said, hex is not a species, it's a genus, and there's several species within. And like any other genus, if you have a different species there then timing can be very different.

Pretty sure PA hex hatches are limbata and bilineata. Limbata's in early June, shortly after the drakes, might even overlap a bit. They are Green Drake sized and colored similarly, and probably frequently misidentified as Drakes. The bilineata's tend to be in the bigger, warmer rivers and are a mid July thing. Darker in color. And biblical in numbers in areas of the Ohio and Allegheny drainage, at least.

My guess is that your August emergers are the species atrocaudata. Just based on reported timing and the fact that they are known to exist in the Catskills.