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troutbert wrote:

It's good to learn the hatches, because when the hatches occur, you want to be ready.

But you should also learn effective flies and techniques to catch trout during the non-hatch periods, which are about 90% of the time. Those doing fly fishing instruction should teach this to students, in addition to the match-the-hatch info.

If you read the fishing reports, you'll see that people are catching many trout in non-hatch situations.

Very true, the vast majority of the time, nothing is hatching. But, one of the keys to fly selection, IMO anyway, is to choose a fly that is likely to hatch given the stream and date. I often hedge my bet by fishing two flies, one a hatch-matcher, and the other a general pattern and reliable fish catcher.

Very true also about learning fishing techniques. The fly choice means little if you cannot present it well, and I'll add two things - not be able to detect strikes and not be able to read the water. The bugs are just one piece of the puzzle. Knowing the bugs is trumped by all of the above.

Gfen is right about his Adams fly. I would bet on him catching a whole bunch just using that fly (or some other old reliable pattern).

With all that being said, learning about the insects is fascinating and fun. And it's very exciting when things come together and you find a hatch on the water, can ID it, and fish flies that match the hatch.