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I gotta say June. It's a combination of how good the fishing is and other people.

All spring, everyone, including me, has been chasing hatches on big water. We're all doing the same thing. It's fun and all, but it gets a bit crazy. We live by the schedule of the bugs, we're all resting at the same times and fishing at the same times. If you miss an event, you feel guilty, like you did it "wrong." This big crescendo right up to the jam and the drakes.

Then comes June. Most fishermen either hang it up, or at least take a break, seeing it as a lull in the hatches before the tricos start. But if you like big fish and big water, the stoneflies are really getting underway and you can pound pocket water with big nymphs. Most of these streams aren't too warm or low just yet. In addition to stones, there's always some caddis flyin around, and you can skate around high floatin dries and get big time strikes. Smaller streams are just getting to their best, and those uber hatches you think are gone are really just PEAKING there. Go to a deep woods stream and you'll find plenty of sulphers, caddis, cahills, and perhaps drakes, with good water levels, good temperatures, and aggressive and opportunistic fish. Great fishing in the morning right through the heat of the day. The woods are still that deep, beautiful green. The weather is PERFECT for camping. And guess what? The bigger waters still have enough mayflies to keep things interesting. Cahills, the bigger BWO varieties, blue quills, etc., and the spinner falls can be every bit as impressive as sulphers in May.

Yes, June is my favorite fishing month.