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Re: How long will it take?
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> dryflyguy wrote:
> One of the keys to flyfishing success IMO, is knowing when, and where to go.  And that usually comes from experience.
> It would be a big plus if you could find a mentor to show you the ropes.
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> Good luck

While this is good advice, keep in mind dryflyguy fishes only dry flies. This narrows his opportunities significantly especially in winter. Other times of year it narrows his time of day. He chooses to fish this way and has become quite proficient at it based on his advice above.

But make no mistake, there are alot of fish to be had all day, all year dredging nymphs. And this involves many more techniques and reading of the water than just the stealth, fly selection, serenity and careful planning of dry fly fishing.

I opened my first year with a fly rod using mostly drys found that it was not not really successful. I made alot of trips and went fishless on many, many of them. Of course I was coming from a spinning for trout background and the streams I knew were not known for wild trout nor hatches. Like trying to drum fish up with the tom toms.

Once I started nymphing I began catching fish. Then I started to fish streamers, all the while itching to put on dry flies. When the fish revealed themselves on top, I went back to what I felt I was doing it for. Dry fly fishing. But for the majority of the first few years I mostly nymphed and fished streamers.

As I branched out to better streams and began to realize the vast opportunities of wild trout and their higher quality hatches, I began chasing hatches with Charlie Mecks book under the seat of my jeep. Dwights wouldn't fit, Sorry Dwight.

My enjoyment grew tremendously and I began to put together when and where to fish and what tactics to use when and where.

So my simple advice is this.....

Get some basic nymphs, a pole and reel and go out and dredge up some trouts nymphing or swinging wets to keep you busy while you learn the significance of hatches and locations/time of year to hit them. It is simply too much info to learn right way. Let the fish tell you when to put on a dry fly observe the water and surroundings, Absorb, suck up any knowledge  a fellow flyfisher gives out along stream or here and enjoy yourself while doing so.

This is a great past time and can lead you into literally dozens perspectives on flyfishing. Who knows you may become a dry fly guy yourself.