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Re: Tips for fishing small flies

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I agree that it can be a bit difficult to see small midges on the surface. I agree that fishing a midge behind a dry can be productive. When I fish a two midge rig on the surface, I will coat the tippet with a floatant before the lead fly and I watch this section for movement. I also don't fish this rig at great distances. Lastly, I've found it to be productive to cast the rig slightly across and downstream so the that midges "arrive" first and not the tippet.

I do a lot of midge fishing and have been very successful with fishing pupas and emergers below the surface. I will weight a midge with a small tungsten midge bead or use a non-weighted pupa with split shot and fish an emerger pattern (I use a tuft of CDC behind the head) about 16 to 20 inches behind the weighted pupa. I either high stick (fishing close) or use a small indicator when fishing far. I've also found it to be productive to add a little movement to the rig (a slight up and down movement) especially during hatches.