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The success of flies, especially bright colorful flies but this applies to all colors, has more to do with ambient conditions than any other factor. Under certain ambient conditions, a brightly colored fly will most certainly spook a trout while more subdued colors may not spook them but the trout will show zero interest because it doesn't look right. The color that the trout perceives something to be underwater is totally dependent upon ambient conditions and as conditions change during the day, some colors become more dominant while others become less dominant and if fishing the wrong colors, the sight pattern of your fly as observed by the trout will not look right. While an aquatic insect may look all the same color to you, the reality is there are subtle color differences and ambient conditions determine which colors are highlighted and which ones are muted. The secret is fishing the right color fly at that particular time more than the right pattern.

And this is why a certain fly will work great from 8am to 10am but then suddenly stop working for no apparent reason but then start working again from 4pm to 6pm – ambient conditions changed causing the fly to go from looking good, to not looking good, to looking good again. Or why a particular fly works great today but not tomorrow. It's not so much that the trout stopped feeding or keyed in on something else ambient conditions changed which affected how that particular color fly appeared.