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Re: Yellow stone fly was all they would eat

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King,

Where were you fishing(what part of the state)? Are you sure they were mayflies hatching? Mayflies have an upright wing when at rest, Stoneflies have a flat wing against the abdomen. #14 olives are a bit rare this time of year (all #14 mayflies really) especially with the colder weather this winter.

Anyway, I bet what you were seeing was little black stoneflies. four wings fluttering across the water laying eggs. Its a common hatch this time of year. Actually not a hatch but an egg laying stage.

Whereas mayflies typically "hatch" or emerge in the sub-imago stage and fly straight up into the air in a graceful motion. Then come back as spinners (imago stage) and hover above the riffles before they mate.

Caddis have tent wings and fly a bit wackier than both stones or mayflies. but more like stoneflies than mayflies. But mayflies are distinctly different than both caddis an stoneflies.

On another note...the hatch and entomology forum is for posting pics and identifying aquatic insects in PA by forum members. Its usually a "whats this bug?" or "here is a ????" We will move this post to the general forum after a bit to keep things in their proper places.

Thanks for posting.