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We've all been there and have probably gotten frustrated. The type of fishing i enjoy is singling out fish and hooking up with them. Eventually though theres that one fish that you cannot get.

Short of giving up and moving on, whats your technique?

Day 1.) After about 40 minutes of 3 different flies it finally went right for the small egg pattern i threw on and i screwed up the hook set. After that, a few more flies and he'd give a slight look and then shake his head like he was hooked and dart away.

Day 2.) Same fish, again after a few different fly offerings and presentations for an hour he was very interested and looked at each one with almost full interest before turning away. Finally after tieing on a tandem 3 micro zebra midge setup he sucked one in and again, the water being cold, the fish being sluggish and my whole body being cold and numb from the water i screwed up the hookset again!

Day 3.) Same fish, super spooked and cautious, whether from other fisherman or not i dont know. But i got one look out of probably 40 pass bys of different flies again, when flies came near him he instantly darted away.

Only thing i can think of is fish for him at a time other then the normal. Super early morning or super late at night. Whats your guys experience? Ive tried flashy, non flashy, super small 24 als rat, which is usually my last resort which end up convincing most cautious fish. But ive never had this circumstance where a fish would get spooked just from small size 22/24 flies being drifted by him.