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ryguyfi wrote:

I hit the grannom hatch at a local stream on Friday and employed a tactic on my dries that drove the fish nuts. Here's how it goes.

First dress your fly and even leader with some floatant. This is a down and across approach. So spot your riser and place yourself upstream within average casting distance. Cast to the far bank and drag your flies across the current towards the riser. The difference is the "skitter". As your fly is dragging across the current, lift your rod to take as much line off the water as possible, and wiggle your rod from left to right to add some action to the fly. This will keep the fly on top and have it be erratic just as the naturals do. You'll miss some strikes this way, but it can really make for some nice aggressive takes.

Next time you're on the stream and you see some decent caddis activity, head to a riffle or run and try this tactic.

Just as an FYI, I have used this technique from April to October with success. Though it doesn't "frequently" work it "sometimes" works. And there are those rare days...

Like the sunny October evening a few years ago on Slippery Rock Creek. It was exceptionally warm (80s) and large sedge-sized caddis were popping off. The tail water below the Armstrong Bridge was moving with fish chasing the bugs. I positioned myself above, at the top of the faster water, cast down and across, skittering as ryguyfi mentioned, and had one of the most, fun memorable evenings in my fishing life. The strikes were smashing. Just waiting anticipating the hits was half the fun.