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Re: After a Decent Rain

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Stagger_Lee wrote:

when the creeks rise and/or water color is off, what flies are your favorite? I searched rain and couldn't find any info. I know bugger are popular but what color, large or not so large? What other flies do you recommend the night after a decent rain?

I'll second the previous posts.

The conventional wisdom is to use larger flies that are dark in color, typically black (although orange and chartreuse are popular too). However, much of this depends on how off color the water is and how high. Obviously, this is a matter of degree. Sometimes, if the stream is "blown out" to use FFing jargon, it's better to simply fish elsewhere. This is usually when the water is the color of creamed coffee and up to the bank edges or "out of its banks" - meaning essentially flooding.

However, if after a decent rain you hit a stream and the water is less clear or slightly cloudy, these days can fish well. If you don't see surface activity, just try your regular nymph fishing methods in the usual areas but use a bit more weight or split shots as the fish are probably right on the bottom and you'll need more weight to get down. A good nymph for these conditions would be a dark brown stonefly nymph about an inch long. San Juan Worms (I like flesh tone and pink) also seem to work well when the water is up.