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Has anyone seen trout really key in and feed selectively on the big brown crane flies? I never have. I've never seen emergences of them in any numbers. You see one here, one there...

The little (size 18) ones with yellow bodies hatch in enough numbers that the trout feed on them just like they would on BWOs or other hatch. It's worth tying a pattern for those.

I'm not so sure it's worth tying a pattern for the big brown ones. But if you want to tie an imitation of those, just tie a simple spider pattern. Ginger hackle fibers for a tail. Ginger hackle tied over-sized. And brown thread body. Done.