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This is my first post at paflyfish...after reading through this thread I have something to add so I went ahead and registered.

There is something that I think shouldn't be overlooked about tenkara. You can keep a tenkara rod with you ready to go as a second rod to use when conditions warrant it. I do most of my fishing on the Upper Delaware and tribs with a 5 or 6 wt fly rod but I started keeping a 13'6" tenkara rod fully rigged up for nymphing in my vest or jacket pocket last year. It sticks out a little but doesn't get in the way. It is a deadly high sticking rod because of the reach. I've been playing around with "euro" nymphing set ups on it and have caught a lot of fish that way. You can guide the flies into the seams or pockets with all that reach.

I do agree that the whole "zen" marketing thing is a little much and the idea of using one fly... Well let's just say that's not for me. I never really used any of the Japanese style flies. I don't especially like not having a reel on it either, but I will say that I've only really lost one good fish because of it. It was a football main stem rainbow last year that ran into a deep pool under a riff where I couldn't follow. I would have had him too but I was wading mid-river and couldn't follow where he went and he broke me off.

There are advantages and limits to tenkara rods but at the end of the day I use one as my "go to" nymphing rod. It's nice to be ready with 2 rods without feeling like your carrying 2 rods. It also can't be beat for changing locations if you have the little fuji keepers on it.