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troutbert wrote:

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.

TB,

You've probably seen me use them, though not on brookie streams. The thing is on the LV streams they hatch in huge numbers this time of the year, and I've seen them on many limestone streams, including Fishing Creek in Lamar. Every place I've used them I've caught fish, in 14 states.

They imitate an emerging baetis and other small emergers so it's pretty versatile. One thing I'll add there are terrestrial crane flies, and I've never seen trout take them.

I've also been stumped as to what trout were taking and tied on a crane fly after much toying around with other stuff, to find on the first cast the trout are taking the crane flies. That doesn't mean though that it's what the trout think they are, only that they take the pattern.