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I'm lucky enough to have wild trout within a half hour drive and stocked trout within a 2 minute walk.

Both have their moments where they are incredibly picky and incredibly stupid.

While fishing for stockies over the past few weeks, unless I'm just going for some quick fun or trying to outfish the bait guys, I've been avoiding the buggers and junk flies and exclusively fishing dries.

I was on some stocked fish that were rising last night and I had to switch flies 5 times to get a take. After that it was game on.

For some reason, they wanted size 16 sulphurs. Nothing else would even get a look. But I bet these same fish would have fought each other to take an egg fly bounced down the feeding path.

If you want a challenge, try fishing a technique that would make it more difficult to catch a fish. It's all the more better once you finally hook one.

I'm thankful for the stocked fish very close to me. No wild trout elitism here.