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troutbert wrote:

TI don't know where those are found, but I've never seen an olive body cicada in PA.

If you Google photos of cicadas, you'll see many that have a black body, and the wings and legs are a sort of orangeish/tan color. That's the way they look in PA. So, you can tie your patterns using the colors from those photos.

Their bodies are black, so the black deerhair (or black foam) is good. The wings and legs are orange/tan.

You can find deerhair deerhair dyed that color. Ginger hackle is a decent match for the legs.

Agree. I'd imagine that if one were tying cicadas out of spun deer hair like these, that a body of about 3 parts black deer hair to one part orange (mixed together) would make a nice effect and be very close to the naturals. The olive cicadas are the regular "dog day" cicadas that we have every summer: they're olive over their back and sides with white underside and clear wings. They're also larger than the 17 year bugs. However, these flies should still catch fish during the emergence as once fish are keyed on cicadas they aren't picky (at least that has been my experience in past 17 year emergences).