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Re: Drifting, "Swinging" a dry fly

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I've had good success swinging wet flies - mostly soft hackles - just under the surface. Sometimes just letting the fly hang dead in the water at the end of the swing will prompt a strike. Sometimes they take it while it's moving. I've often varied split shot size but in many cases try to go with something that keeps the fly under the surface but not too deep.

I've not tried this much with a dry fly. Sometimes will do it with a cdc caddis if I get too lazy to dry it off good and apply some floatant. If fish are on caddis they will often take it. Its much more vulnerable than that natural bouncing around on the surface. I suspect if you were in flat enough water your dry fly was submerged but not far below the surface. Trout will take an emerging insect with enough force/speed that they break the surface.

I think the fact that you are learning on the stream is best. Keep experimenting and determine what is most successful for you and stick with it.