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Re: How do you organize your flies?

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I'm still working this out myself. Right now this is my system:

1 - large plano compartment box for terrestrials, attractors, general/multi-purpose dry flies

1- foam streamer box

2- foam wet/nymph boxes. One has mostly natural/immitative nymphs, soft hackles, and other wet flies. The other has midge nymphs/pupae, attractors (green weenie, etc) and other large nymphs (stoneflies), and "junk" flies - eggs, worms, scuds and sowbugs.

1 - tiny compartment box for midges, tricos, small BWO's (dries)

Multiple - seasonal dry fly boxes. I try to organize these according to when the hatches should come off, and I usually have one of them on me when I'm fishing.

I generally feel like I'm carrying \*way\* too many flies on the stream, but for whatever reason I can't stand having nearly everything on me in order to be "prepared." I do like the idea of a "go-to" box though. I may have to work on that... I do usually end up just using a handful of patterns anyway.

Oh btw - be careful of storing hackled dry flies in foam boxes - they can flatten the hackles if they're not placed right. I use compartment boxes for dries for that reason.

I never even try to keep track of where my flies came from - it's not worthwhile to me. If something's really interesting or different and I can't find it anywhere else, I make a note of it somewhere.