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Re: Morning Hatch??
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I'll complicate it, but not by much. For the April hatches the bugs are mostly dark bodied and a properly sized Adams does well. In late season most of the bugs are lighter colored, so adding a light Cahill pattern doesn't hurt.

A few years ago I restricted my late season patterns to a tan sparkle dun and a parachute light Cahill in sizes 12 through 16. I didn't notice any difference in the numbers of fish I caught. This year I'm on a snowshoe hare foot kick. For the early hatches I only used muskrat fur dubbing (like an Adams) and did fine. Now I added cream or yellow bodied flies to the mix. Seems to work for me.

I'll go on my usual rant. The biggest problem I see is that you need to get a dry fly right over a fish, not sort of close. A top guide I know claims you need to be in a 6" lane (+/- 3"). Therefore, you need to watch carefully to mark where a fish rises and try to hit it. Look for unique rocks, tree branches, foam lines; anything to mark just where a fish is. Don't just start flinging flies in the general direction, wait and watch first. Then hit it. One cheat is to cast too far about 3 feet above the fish. Then pull the fly to the right line and drop the rod to give it some slack. Feed the fly to the fish and wait for the strike. Expect the fish to hit and be ready.