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Yes, it very much depends on the stream.

On an infertile brookie stream, for instance, fishing to non-risers is the NORM, not the exception. And you can rack up huge numbers like that. They're down there looking up and feeding on top, it's just that there's not very many bugs. Perhaps one only comes by every hour or two. The chances of seeing a natural rise in the 3 minutes your are there are slim.

On richer streams, sometimes they're just hunkered down, not feeding at all. Sometimes they're focused on something underneath. Sometimes the water is too high or off color to see anything on top. In these cases, no, you should not fish a dry. And as often as not, if you don't see fishing rising at all, this is the case.

But there are times where prospecting with dries can be productive. I do this under bushes and such with terrestrials. I also, on occasion, skate stoneflies or caddis around likely looking areas. Often these fish do rise if you watch long enough, it's just sporadic. So, if watching around, and you're seeing what seems like random, very sporadic rises, give it a try. They're looking up and being opportunistic, but meals are occasional. Don't just fish to the rises you saw, also fish other likely looking water. They're there too, you just weren't looking at the right moment...