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Re: CDC Trico Comparadun

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JohnPowers wrote:

my thoughts and conclusions. I think the rat and AI's trico are oriented to the LL as you can't wade and you can see them easier up on the bank. they are invisible to me when I'm down in the water. that's a theory. i fish them but i dont like to. a conclusion is that you use the finest tippet available. at least I do. 7 or 8....9 if i can get it. to me 6 on a 24 throws the drift way off. that's in the Leigh valley of course.

Yup Fox, everytime this subject comes up, it should be addressed.

First - the no wading regs on the Little Lehigh are no more. They've been gone for a couple of years now.

Second - fish are not tippet shy. They're drag shy. If they can see 6X, they can see 8X. A better way to eliminate drag is to extend the tippet on your leader, and/or use better technique. There's several ways to defeat drag. Better leader design (not ultralight tippet) is one way. More supple materials built in to the leader (think Harvey slack leader design) are a good choice. Slack line producing casts are another.

7X - not really necessary, but it's the lightest tippet I ever use (rarely).

8X - not necessary, and is more trouble than it's worth. Not good for the fish either, as it promotes unnecessarily long fights to land fish. Landing and releasing a fish quickly is crucial to their survival. Add to this the fact of warmer water temperatures often found in fishing tricos, and you can see the wisdom in choosing otherwise.

9X - this is a Varivas marketing ploy. Their 9X is actually between 7X and 8X in diameter. People that buy and use this stuff have been conned. NOT smart.

6X tippet works the same everywhere else as it does in the Lehigh Valley. Learn to get a drag free drift, and it's the lightest tippet you'll ever need. People that choose to use ultralight tippet have made a bad choice. Skip the 8X and 9X (or lighter) - you don't need it. Use 7X for only the tiniest of midges if you absolutely *have* to.

Always remember, we don't have to catch fish, but we do need to protect the resource.

As for not being able to see the fly, there's several options. Try dropping the small fly off of a larger, more visible

pattern. Or use a greased leader technique. Apply floatant to the whole leader except for the last foot or so from the fly. Watch the "s" curves of the tippet on the surface, and when a fish takes your fly, the curves will straighten out. Set hook, land fish. Easy. 🏆