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Re: Dry Fly Fishing

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Hi Andrew - Without seeing what was going on, I'm guessing that what was happening was last second refusals. This can look like the fish actually took the fly, when in fact something caused it to reject it at the last instant.

When a fish takes your fly under, just tighten up the line. No need to "swing for the fence". Fish can spit a fly in the blink of an eye too.

Look for the fish to take the fly under, and as it's nosing down to return to it's holding lie, tighten up.

Watching you fish, I noticed you were casting directly across stream, with a pretty straight line between you and the fly. This is gonna make your fly drag almost immediately in any kind of current.

Try using a reach mend at the end of your cast, and throw in an immediate mend or two when the line lands.

Once drag sets in, it's tough to mend enough to get back ahead of it without moving the fly. Concentrate on mending before drag affects your drift, and don't expect to get tremendously long drag free drifts at this point in your game. Try to time the drift so that your fly passes over the fish while not dragging.

Having a lot of slack between you and the fly helps with reducing drag (if done correctly), but that slack also increases the delay in setting the hook. Gotta find a good balance between the two.

Try approaching (and casting to) the fish from a more downstream position. This will help with the drag issue a bit, but make sure the fish sees the fly first, and not the leader/tippet.

This article might help....

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