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Re: Little Juniata 8-4-13

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Quote:

midnightangler wrote:

My experience has been that ants work better than hoppers nearly everywhere in central PA. I also think there is more of a tendency for people to blind-cast hoppers. During the summer, when the water tends to be low, blind-casting isn't the most effective strategy.

There are a few stretches in central PA where I fish hoppers with good success. However, probably you'll do better on an ant almost everywhere, even in those stretches. I don't know why. Fish like the ant.

I've found the same thing in most streams around here, while hoppers are king outwest. My theory is hoppers are not generally found in the wooded areas most of us fish in PA, while ants (and beetles) are very common. In a stream with banks of grasses and fields, I would guess hoppers would be more prevalent and more effective to fish.

Second, outwest, fish are kinda easy to fool in general. Many of the rivers and streams are packed with fish and they don't often see the amount of angler pressure we see around here.

Third, hopper patterns look a lot like big stoneflies. I believe the fish may take a hopper because they see quite a few big stones hatch on some rivers outwest.

Ants and beetles are my go-to terrestrial patterns around here.