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Honestly I would pack up the San Juan's and WB's for now. IMO they're good for stocked fish and bigger water. No doubt they will catch fish all year and they are a must have as Kev said but they are not a go to fly in all situations. If you are fishing Northampton county streams there are plenty of wild trout in a lot of them. Bushkill, monocacy, saucon, and hokendaqua all hold lots of wild trout. Honestly I just moved out of bethlehem and 99 times out of a 100 I wouldn't even think about my streamer box. If you are talking about early season then it's a little different. I think that once I see BWO's in the air in the early season the WB's don't see much water until maybe the fall. The trout key in on what is abundant and easiest for them. Most fly fisherman target the wild trout because that's where the challenge is. 5 year old kids and drunks can catch stockies, not to say its not fun to catch them sometimes but they have been eating pellets and they don't know what to eat when they first get dumped in the water. Maybe your WB and SJ looks good to them maybe it doesn't. IMO you will learn much more about fly fishing from 1 year of chasing wild trout then you would in 5 years chasing stockies. I've only been fly fishing for 12 years and on occasion the fish still school me. I learn something new almost everytime I go out. Match the hatch is the name of the game. You can ask all the questions you want on this forum and you will get helpful advice definetly but nothing beats figuring out for yourself. Honestly there is nothing on this forum that someone can tell you about a WB or SJ and you could go out tomorrow and use that advice and catch a ton of fish. Flip some rocks, see what is in the air and on the water and read up on your entomology and you will start to figure it out more and more each time. You will figure out the situations when you want to tie on a WB and when you don't but don't expect them to catch one fish after another everytime.