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Quote:

Marv\_Levy wrote:

For some reason when the water gets high and muddy after a rain I just can't seem to catch fish on a san Juan worm my buddy will be hammering them on red worms with a spin cast. I see no reason why my San Juan shouldn't work in that situation.

SJW, particularly in the bright red, pink, and other bright colors are a fairly poor imitation of a natural earthworm. Aside from the color, their diameter and movement don't mimic a natural worm. Perhaps the biggest difference when comparing them to a natural is that their is no scent and taste. Possibly a very important factor in dirty water.

Personally, I don't view them as being an imitative fly in most situations. Their color and simplistic nature make them a good "junk" fly though. Like most other junk flies they are either working or they are not. However, if there is ever a time to catch otherwise discriminating fish on junk flies, it is during off color water conditions. I would suggest trying more weight. Your spin fishing friend, aside from using natural bait, is probably using much larger split shot than you.

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And wooly buggers man I just don't know I tend to cast them up stream keeping a tight line as it goes through its drift then I strip it back hen the drift is over. I have had fish hit my bugger on both the drift and on the retrieve. I just feel like I'm doing something wrong because people act like if they could only have 1 thing it would be a bugger.

Try throwing mends after the fly hits the water so that you give the fly some slack and it sinks. Let it sink for a while before stripping in the slack or throwing a downstream mend so that the fly begins rising and swinging

across current.

This is a heavily simplified explanation, but just try to get the fly down before stripping or swinging. Coming tight to the fly as soon as it lands usually prevents the fly from sinking much unless you fish with tons of weight.

Kev