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Re: Getting it to the bottom ....

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Quote:

Allen\_s

When using split shot, the closer the shot is to your fly the faster it will sink it. Also, putting to split shots close to one another will sink it much faster than spreading them out.

This is part of my problem then. I need new contacts but this past Sunday I was watching my nymph as closely as possible. Even w/ some weight it wasn't getting down fast at all .. then once I lost sight I'm not sure it got to the bottom tho I had the problems per my OP.

Quote:

Pcray wrote:

Typically as fly fishermen beginners tend to error by not having enough weight. That is, if we're talking about bigger water. On small streams it's all about getting in the right currents.

This always been the case for me (not enough). I think I'm missing a lot of opportunities cause I'm not getting it to the bottom.

Quote:

Pcray wrote:

One thing that took me a long ways. When I started, I was looking for indications that I was ticking bottom. Either feeling it (without indicator), or watching that indicator bump around. But that's hard to do.

I've been hung up below but not sure, or never concentrated, on feeling this "ticking" ..... is it easy to notice when u are actually paying attention?

Quote:

Pcary wrote:

What is a lot easier is to observe the current. And your indicator and/or line should be moving SLOWER than the current. Remember the current on the bottom is a lot slower than that at the surface. And if you're down there in the slower bottom water, rolling around in the rocks, that's what you want. The fly has to hold your line back.

Oh my .... For two years I've thought I've been doing well with keeping the indicator @ the same speed of the bubble. Ur telling me my indicator should be slower than the bubbles?

Quote:

Pcray wrote:

There's also a lot here as far as keeping your line off the water to prevent drag (i.e. the current grabbing your line and pulling fly downstream too fast).

I've been doing ok with that ... at least by Stags standards lol.