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Re: Don's sculpin
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> JackM wrote:
> ryan, the sculpin is an odd fish with no air bladder. Therefore, it spends all its time hugging the bottom, scurrying between rocks. It likes to raid redds for the eggs. I would toss this upstream and let it settle, then strip it in short, jerky bursts. I'm thinking pocket water and riffles.

Yup!

Ed Shenk's describes his technique of fishing a sculpin as "Sculpinating" which is similar to what Jack describes with short bounces of the fly on the bottom keeping in contact with the fly at all times.

If you want to read a good book loaded with history about the Letort and big fish, get a copy of Ed's book, "Fly Rod Trouting" and read Chapter 9, "The Flies Trout Love to Chew". In that chapter he describes his sculpin technique. An even better idea is IF you are in the vicinity of Carlisle on a weekend, stop by Cold Spring Anglers fly shop. Ed is known to hang out there on Saturday's and you could buy a copy and get him to inscribe it too!

I've fished the Letort since I was a kid and the stories in this book still drive me crazy!

And jayL:

Sculpins are VERY common in many streams but usually not in the numbers found on limestoners although I venture to guess a hungry trout would slam one on any creek since they look as much like food as any Woolly Bugger I ever fished. I've had good luck with them on Letort Spring Run, Big Springs, Falling Springs, Green Springs and Trindle Spring Run. Coincidentially they all happen to be limestone streams with the word "Spring" in their name so maybe that's it!