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Re: Zebra Midges

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Quote:

ryguyfi wrote:

yes 16 is quite "large" for a midge imitation. It will still catch fish as you found out, but I tie mine much smaller... probably sz 20 is my smallest. I buy small glass beads at a craft store and use those. Mine are in black, red, and brown... just thread wraps and silver or gold ribbing with the bead. I also sometimes overlap it with a 4 or 5x tippet. I've had great days with them, even caught a few smallies on them. But when the midges are on, you need to have small flies on or they'll get refused.

I may not be correct on this, but most of the midges I see hatching are on slow deep pools. So that's where I fish them. Saw a few last night, but I think they get a bit better once the weather warms up in the next few days. sz #22 griffiths gnat dry does the trick for me most days when the midges are out.

Ryan

I have seen size 16 adult midges before, and have seen many size 16 larvae. They are out there.

I have found that midge dries are best in slow water, but zebra midges can be a general purpose prospecting fly. I've caught trout in the closest thing to pocket water that the tully has, and I'm sure it would work elsewhere.