

August Fly of the Month

Pattern: Sparkle Dun

Family Matched: Mayflies

Species Matched: BWO, PMD, Hendrickson, Sulphur, Green Drake, & Trico Mayflies

Life Cycle Matched: Emerging Nymph into the Dun



The frantic mayfly emerger working its way through the surface of the water is one of the most vulnerable and susceptible life stages to the feeding trout. A spot-on imitation of the mayfly dun pulling its wings from the water for the first time, the Sparkle Dun in all of its flavors is a proven killer during any mayfly hatch, and is a must have in every fly angler's box.

Bug Bites

By Peter Stitcher

The larger the species of mayfly hatching, the longer it will take for it to stretch and dry its wings, making the emerger life-cycle particularly lethal with the fly!



Freshly emerged Western Green Drake

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Fishing Reports

By Weston Niep

Summer fishing is finishing strong. Trico's and PMD's have made dry fly fishing amazing and still have some a few good hatches to come. BWO's are increasing in activity and will soon replace the PMD hatch. However, the evening caddis hatch is unrivaled by any other. Flows are still a little high in some places, but otherwise conditions are perfect for your next fly trip. With fall creeping closer get your dry fly and high mountain stream/lake fishing in now.

Fraser River- 57 cfs in Tabernash

Flows on the Fraser are a little low, but if you can find some deeper pockets you will find plenty of fish stacked up. Trico's, PMD's, and caddis are the most abundant flies right now making any of them a great choice for the end of your line. Hopper-dropper combos are also effective using either emergers or big nymphs as your drop-per.



Above: Male PMD waiting for the sun to rise.

Deckers- ~450 cfs at Trumbull

Deckers and Cheeseman canyon are experiencing higher than average flows for this time of year. As a result the fish are spread out a bit more making it so you have to move often to find fish. The dry fly action is great between PMD's, Tricos, BWOs, and Caddis. Look for rising fish in the shade of willows and behind large rock features. Locate the hatch, locate the rising fish. Nymph rigs are equally effective right now. Use large lead flies such as stone and crane fly patterns. Follow that fly with a 16-18 mayfly patter of your choice. I prefer flashback pheasant tails or black rainbow warriors.

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"Many men go fishing all of their lives without knowing that it is not fish they are after."



FISHING PROVIDES THAT CONNECTION WITH THE NEXT GENERATION. IT OPENS UP THE OPPORTUNITY TO DEVELOP A DEEP CONNECTION WITH THE OUTDOORS. WITH KIDS RETURNING TO SCHOOL THIS MONTH, I HOPE YOU WILL MAKE THE MOST OF WHAT'S LEFT OF SUMMER TO GET THE KIDS OUT TO FISH.

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Partly Cloudy with a Chance of Emergers

By: Peter Sticher

Whenever I'm on the river and I see the clouds begin to roll over the mountains, their threats of rain and wind brooding in their dark forms, my heart begins to beat a little faster as I put down my nymphing rig and reach for my dry fly box. It is in the dawning hours of the day, the times when rain clouds threaten and block out the sun, and at dusk when the uninitiated anglers reel in their lines and head for their trucks that the magic starts to happen and the water comes alive!

In the dark hours of the day, the bottoms of our rivers and lakes come to life, and the aquatic invertebrate "Rush Hour" begins. Aquatic invertebrates are hard-wired to survive. Their sole functions in life are to feed, thrive, mate, and pass on their DNA to a healthy swarm of offspring. In order to find the best food - and to avoid seasonal perils such as runoff or low flows - many species of invertebrate will launch themselves away from the safety of the riverbed or lake bottom in hopes of drifting to better options. In waters dominated by hungry fish, after countless millennia of experience, these invertebrates have counted their odds and figured out that their best chance of finding a new home without being picked off by a hungry trout is under the cover of dark.

In addition to the daily migration of invertebrates each dawn and dusk, key transitions in the life-cycle of many of the trout's favorite foods are tied to periods of lesser light. By far one of the most productive and important events for the fly angler is the emergence or "hatch" of aquatic invertebrates. Prompted by season and water temperature, mayfly nymphs, caddis pupa, and midge pupa begin their countdown to launch as the clouds begin to drift over the margins of the sun. Even after as little as 30 seconds of cloud cover, invertebrates will start their clumsy ascent. Where the bugs go, the fish will quickly

follow, actively feeding on the emerging invertebrates throughout the water column and on the surface until the lucky survivors are able to fly to safety.

The educated angler can set their watch to these events, anticipating and taking advantage of these clockwork-like feeding frenzies. Fishing fly patterns that imitate both the emerger moving through the water as well as those breaking through the surface can produce explosive results, while standard dry patterns can also be fished with deadly effect. So the next time the clouds roll in and the sun begins to set, let the fair weather anglers back their trucks you tie your emerg-pat-and tle in some the fishing of the day!



Fall's Out ~ Guns Out

By Weston Niep



Sun's out guns out makes little sense when a majority of our hunting opportunities are in the fall. This is your friendly reminder that fall is right around the corner. Archery season, muzzleloader

season, dove season, and teal season will all be starting over the coming weeks. If you haven't already, start getting going through your pre-season checklist. Every minute you spend preparing now will increase your success on the opening day of your favorite season. Start by making a list of all the gear you will need for the upcoming month, then locate each item on your list (Good Luck!). Spend a few moments looking these items over to ensure they are in good working condition.

After you get organized it's time to get in any last minute practice. Go to the shooting range/ archery range/ trap club and get dialed in with your weapon of choice. Practice taking shots you either missed last year or expect to take this year. It is also time to get some last minute practice in with your hunting companions. If you can try to get your dog on some pen-raised birds to get the last 6 months of pent up "birdiness" out. At minimum spend a few hours practicing retrieves, commands, and patience with your dog before opening day.

Last but not least, get your head in the game. Start scouting possible hunting areas, both on foot and on maps. Check any population/ migration data you may be able to find online. Reflect on your successes and failures from last season. Think about how you may overcome some of the challenges you've faced in past season. Don't forget to buy the wife some flowers and spend some time with the kids, it's going to be a long season. Shoot straight on your opening day!

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