

The Flypaper

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From The President

Hello everyone, and welcome to your October newsletter. Here's to hoping for some wonderful October weather, and also hoping that all of you get a chance to do some Fall fishing.

What do we do at Rocky Mountain Flycasters?

We bring together diverse interests to care for and recover rivers and streams, so our children can experience the joy of wild and native trout. This was taken right off the main page of the tu.org website. What a great mission statement! I know many of our chapter members are very happy to volunteer their precious time for such a worthy effort. I certainly am, and I hope you are too!



Do You Chuck Streamers?

Fishing in October, in my mind, can be some of the best fishing of the year, and I'm really excited about it. The aspens show their colors, and brown trout get ready for their annual spawning rituals. And they can be very aggressive also, which makes swinging or stripping streamers a real hoot! If you haven't tried streamers, give it a shot this Fall. My favorite method is a tandem rig, with a large size 8 Conehead Vanilla Buzzer as my front fly, followed 14-16" later with a size 8 or 10 gray or black Pine Squirrel Leech pattern. The heavy Buzzer serves two purposes: it gets both flies down quickly, but more importantly, you can see that cream colored buzzer easily down to 3-4 feet deep, which helps you know and control how deep you fish. And by knowing exactly how deep you are, and where your flies are, you'll have the chance to actually see the follow and the take – really exciting! Nine times out of ten they take the dark leech. Good luck, and hang on tight!

Last month's Stocking of the Poudre

Last month I mentioned how we had over 20 volunteers that



helped CP&W stock 115,000 small rainbow trout on Aug 25th. We stocked fish from near the Poudre hatchery all the way downstream to the Gateway Natural Area. Here is a short 1.5 minute video of the [stocking](#) we did that day. And thanks again to all you wonderful volunteers!! You are the fuel that makes our chapter succeed!

Habitat Survey and Barrier Identification

In early September I had the pleasure of spending a day in the wilds of northern Colorado, just south of Red Feather Lakes area, with chapter member Gary Fonay. Gary and I had signed up to survey a short section of South Lone Pine Creek. This is a beautiful small stream that runs into the north fork of the Poudre. It was almost completely within the Burn Area (from the Cameron Peak fire), and you could tell the stream has been beaten and battered with high flows, ash, and sediment as a result of the fire and some heavy rainstorms. In some areas, we could see the stream was at least 30 feet wider and up to 4-6 feet higher after some of these heavy rain events. Needless to say, a very dangerous place to be during a storm! Our task was to walk the stream and look for any natural barriers, such as waterfalls, that could prevent fish from moving upstream. If a good barrier is found, then this section of stream above the barrier might be a good candidate for introducing the Greenback. We found several possible barriers, and then had to fish above and below the area to see if fish were present (I know, a dirty job, but someone has to do it, right?). All together, we were hiking on the stream from about 10am to about 3pm. It was a good workout for the legs, and when we got back to the truck we realized our pants were pretty black, from all the ash, from the waist down. So, it was a challenging but great day. And yes, we caught some small and very beautiful brookies. I'm looking forward to doing this again next summer.



Gary deftly drops an Adams dry fly in just the right place

Past Events:

Here are some of the main projects that chapter members have been working on, just in the month of September – WOW! Again, thanks to our wonderful volunteers. Much of this work would not get done without your help:

- Stream Girls Event
- Habitat Survey and Barrier Identification
- Big South Angling Survey
- Greenback Stocking in Williams Gulch
- Poudre Headwaters Mark and Recapture Survey
- Poudre Headwaters Project Ambassador program
- Trout in the Classroom – 4 schools this year!



Two young participants with big grins!



Hiking into the Big South in 2021

This shows we are indeed the “GSD” chapter – we “get stuff done”. And we make a difference – just ask our partners that work for the USFS and CP&W. If you know other chapter members or other friends who like doing field work, tell them about the many varied things we do, and just maybe they will get involved with our mission also.

Mark Miller
RMFTU President



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Looking for a fun, free outdoor fall event? Register today to join **Big Thompson Watershed Coalition** for their second annual **Trek the Thompson Event** on Saturday, October 8th, from 10am-2pm at Fairgrounds Park in Loveland, CO!

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cards to try for a winning hand to win awesome locally donated prizes from businesses including Big Thompson Brewery, Loveland Laser Tag, Scheels, Sweetheart Bowling, and many more! There will also be live music, a silent auction, and the Fork Yeah! food truck!

Learn more and register today: <https://www.trekmanadventures.com/trek-the-thompson-event.html>



Conservation Projects a Huge Success in 2022!

RMF Volunteers are essential to making conservation projects a huge success in 2022!

It has been a very busy, and extraordinarily productive summer! This is of course because of the fantastic dedication of our volunteers and the extraordinary leadership of our agency partners. To highlight some of the RMF conservation activities in the past couple of months:



Barriers are a critical piece of greenback cutthroat restoration, as natural waterfalls and other features prevent invasion from non-native species that would outcompete greenbacks. Many streams on Canyon Lakes Ranger District have not been surveyed for potential barriers. The following volunteers either have been or will be supplied with maps of locations of interest and a protocol for identifying likely barriers. Thank you, Alex Brown, Jake Clark, Gary Fonay, Paydn Knapp, Mark Miller, Caleb Norder and Phil Wright!

Poudre Headwaters Project (PHP) Ambassadors

These volunteers helped to get the word out about the PHP by answering questions the public have about the upcoming phases of the Poudre Headwaters Project. Ambassadors were trained by Forest Service staff about the PHP and how to respond to questions they may encounter.

Thank you, Scott Baily, Wayne Carlson, Dennis Cook, Dave Haeusler, Ron Hanser and Mark Miller!

Brook Trout ElectroFishing

In this fieldwork, brook trout were captured by backpack electrofishing, and fin clips were collected for genetic analysis to evaluate whether the genetic diversity of trout populations changes before and after the Cameron Peak and East Troublesome Fires. These TU volunteers helped by capturing brook trout (netting or carrying buckets) and recording data.

Thank you, Dennis Cook, Angelo Curro and Eric Swanson!

Poudre River Rainbow Trout Re-Stocking

The 2021 flash flood in the upper Poudre Canyon's Black Hollow resulted in not only the loss of human lives and homes, but also the elimination of essentially all trout that lived in the river from that point to many miles downstream. Colorado Parks and Wildlife facilitated an effort to restock the Poudre with approximately 115,000 rainbow trout - each about an inch long - between the Poudre River Hatchery all the way down to the Watson Hatchery. These volunteers were provided five-gallon buckets (with lids) of fish from a hatchery truck, which were transported to pre-determined stocking locations.

Thank you, Tim Abbott, Troy Chamberlain, Steve Clark, Dennis Cook, Bert Dieck, JP Friend, Bob Green, Daniel Green, Dave Haeusler, Bryan Kallenberger, Kenny Kesting, Mark Miller, Chuck Negrelli, Frank Reid, Kevin Shulz, Robert Schulz, Bill Rosquist, Scott Schaffer, Guy Turenne, Charles Vanwormer and Stan Woodring!!

Big South Angling Survey

These volunteers combined fishing and science in what equated to angling in the most beautiful laboratory imaginable! Volunteer anglers and monitors helped to record trout species below the proposed Poudre Headwaters Project lower barrier. Information collected will help the USFS Barrier Design Team to determine whether any final modifications are required.



Thank you, Dominick Adamo, Scott Anderson, Scott Baily, James Brink, Shane Brubaker, Matthew Davis, Jim Drobnick, Zachary Dunkin, Adam Havens, Andrew Herrmann, Eric Hodge, Josiah Kinch, David Moseley, Patrick Nelson, Andrew Newman, AJ Patti, Frank Reid, Jordan Revielle, Jason Sagen, Jason Slotter, Jessica Slotter, Travis Smith, Colby Sterling, Trevor Thomas and Matthew Wynalda.



Following a successful rotenone treatment in 2021, Colorado Parks and Wildlife coordinated a stocking effort to plant greenback cutthroat trout into Williams Gulch between the Green Ridge area and Poudre Canyon.

A special shout out goes to Bryan Johnson, the manager of the Mt. Shavano State Fish Hatchery, who left Salida in the wee morning hours to ensure his timely arrival in Red Feather Lakes with about 10,000 1-inch greenbacks

ready to be stocked. Volunteers hiked the bagged fish to various points along Williams Gulch and introduced them into their new home!

Thank you, Scott Baily, Annie Carlson, Wayne Carlson, Dennis Cook, David Doucette, Leslie Ellwood, Christian Epshteyn, Russell Forester, Eric Hodge, Catherine Johnson, Annie Kier, Martin Kier, Amber Leach, Adam Miller, Kurt Osterby, Chan Park, Nolan Smith, Kerri Surbaugh and Thomas Wurster!!

Poudre Headwaters Mark and Recapture Survey

This was the final year of a fish movement study on the lower barrier site of the Poudre Headwaters Project. During the three-day effort, volunteers assisted with the project by electrofishing, transporting gear to study site, transporting and releasing fish around the study reaches, assisting with PIT tag scanning and by collecting fish by angling.

Thank you, Kailee Bambei, Harland Guy, Kevin McClish, Mickey McGuire, Maelly Oropeza, Colby Sterling and Guy Turenne!!

Assisting Chris Kennedy with his important work in Rocky Mountain National Park

Many volunteers have assisted Chris Kennedy with numerous projects in the park. Because volunteers sign up for those projects outside of the iVolunteer system, I cannot thank you by name, but you know who you are! Please accept our sincere gratitude for stepping up and helping out!!

I would again like to acknowledge our agency partners, without whom none of the above would be possible. Key personnel include, but not limited to Matt Fairchild, Chris Carroll and Rachel Geiger (US Forest Service), Kyle Battige (Colorado Parks and Wildlife), Dr. Yoichiro Kanno (CSU), Chris Kennedy and Leslie Elwood (US Fish & Wildlife Service).

You all rock! With sincere gratitude and admiration,

Scott Baily
RMF Conservation Chair

PS – Please keep an eye on <https://rmftu.ivolunteer.com/> for upcoming opportunities in October!

Fly Swap is BACK!

Quigley Cripple

Hook: Gamakatsu S10, #14

Thread: Vevus 8/0 Rusty dun

Shuck: Amber Z-Ion

Body: Gray Turkey or Goose biots

Thorax: Callibaetis Super Fine dubbing

Hackle: Grizzly

Wing: Deer Hair

May 2019, TU Fly Swap, tied by Dave Morse



Here is an opportunity to trade flies and recipes with your fellow Rocky Mountain Fly Casters each month. This is how it works.

1. A type of fly is chosen each month, e.g., midge nymph, streamer or mayfly dry.
2. **Sign up by email or in person** each month to participate with Dave Morse (dgmorse45@gmail.com) a least 1 week before the monthly TU meeting. Signup sheets will be available at the monthly meeting for the next month's Swap.
3. You will be notified of the number of copies of your favorite fly to tie. This depends on the number who register plus one for the evening Raffle.
4. Bring your flies to the monthly meeting along with an attached recipe toe tag, showing the name of your fly, the size and materials for the fly recipe and your name and date, in a small container with your name on it.
5. The flies and recipes are sorted and you will get back one fly from each participant in your container at the meeting.

This is a fun way to practice your tying skills and to learn what effective flies other members use. In the past we have had 6 to 8 participants each month, so tying is not a big burden.

The fly theme for the October 19th Fly Caster's meeting is FALL STREAMERS. Sign up or ask questions by emailing Dave Morse, your Swap Coordinator.

Why TU Backed the Climate and Infrastructure Laws

The answer starts with TU's mission to care for and recover rivers and fish.

Congress did something very unusual over the past year. It passed and the President signed into law two huge pieces of legislation that will provide great benefits for trout and salmon for many decades to come. Click the [READ MORE](#) button for all the details.

[READ MORE](#)



Colorado Trout Unlimited Stream Girls Events

I am so energized after attending Stream Girls with the Girl Scouts and CTU Youth Education Coordinator, Natalie Flowers, and Regional CTU Vice President and Leaders



Extraordinaire, Barbara Luneau and her spouse, Mark Rayman. These three leaders have done more for girls in this program than anyone can put into words! I am blown away by the amount of energy and dedication that they put into this program and totally understand why the Girls Scouts need this valuable resource.

This program condensed two days of badge-worthy activities into one long day! The girls got started by wading-up in hip boots to go on a Stream Walk to learn about the rivers in their watersheds. We saw turkeys, an owl and even found a snakeskin among the riparian zone while playing in the water and having stick races. Next, we had two intense but fun activities to measure the water flow and find insect life in the river condensed in “Go with the Flow” and the Macroinvertebrate study. We earned our lunches after that and spent the afternoon learning to Fly Cast and Tie Flies for Flyfishing. The scouts and their leaders had assumed we would be flyfishing but learned that they needed to learn these two skills first and Stream Girls 2.0 next Spring would be offered with time for fishing. The day ended with time to play in the water for a “Stream Scavenger Hunt” and identifying the nine elements for healthy rivers. I left feeling very tired and thrilled to be part of the team, and wondering how I could help more to relieve the huge efforts the three leaders took on and to ensure the scouts and chapter volunteers show up to participate. I think a program fee would give the leaders incentive and ensure the volunteers would have students to teach. I am sure that RMF’s other participants, Tom Schultz and John Bryant, in addition to giving feedback via the survey, commit to volunteering again for youth education and future conservation efforts in our watersheds and trout we love!



Jeannie Weaver



MARCH 11 — MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

RMFTU Trout Fishing Expo

Saturday, March 11, 2023

Northside Aztlan Community Center, Fort Collins

11:00AM - 4:00 PM

Join Rocky Mountain Flycasters TU on Saturday, March 11 for a fundraiser benefitting the education and conservation programs for the Cache la Poudre and Big Thompson river watersheds — from 11am - 4pm in Fort Collins.

The day will include lunch (served 11:00am-1:00pm), trout fishing exhibitors/vendors, fly tying

demonstrations, auction/raffle, casting demonstrations, educational speakers and more. Come out and support Trout Unlimited's work in Northern Colorado! Advance info will be announced soon...



Cache la Poudre Recovery

Volunteers rally to begin the recovery of the Cache la Poudre River fishery

Reprinted from a release from Colorado Parks and Wildlife:
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Debris flows in 2021 devastated fish populations in the Cache la Poudre River west of Fort Collins

FORT COLLINS, Colo – A year after a catastrophic debris flow decimated over 20 miles of the Cache la Poudre River fishery, 24 volunteers joined Colorado Parks and Wildlife biologists to begin the painstaking process of rebuilding fish populations.

As a hot morning turned into a rainy afternoon, the team hauled buckets of fish up and down a 40-mile stretch of the river to replace the CPW-stocked rainbow trout and support the self-sustaining brown trout that suffocated when sediment and debris cascaded off the Cameron Peak Fire burn scar and choked the river in a July 2021 flash flood.

“The plume of sediment and debris that moved downstream from that event led to fatal conditions in the river for fish due to heavy sediment loads preventing fish from exchanging oxygen across their gills, leading to the fish suffocating,” said Kyle Battige, Aquatic Biologist for CPW.

The recovery effort was necessary after CPW biologists conducted a 10-day sampling effort last fall that found just one brown trout from the Black Hollow Creek confluence to 16 miles downstream at the Narrow sampling station, indicating a complete loss of the fishery. Although trout were captured 20 miles downstream at Stove Prairie, numbers were 80 percent lower in 2021 compared to historic estimates.

A major step in CPW’s multi-year repopulation effort began August 25 with the help of volunteers from Otterbox, The Nature Conservancy, and Rocky Mountain Flycasters, the local chapter of Trout Unlimited.

Jake Eichler, assistant manager of CPW’s Glenwood Springs Hatchery, delivered 115,000 one inch rainbow trout fry to be stocked along a 40-mile stretch of the Cache la Poudre River from

the Poudre River State Fish Hatchery to the Overland Trail. Fry are recently hatched fish, approximately one inch in length, that have reached the stage where its yolk-sac has almost disappeared and its swim bladder is operational to the point where the fish can actively feed itself.

The fry were reared at the Glenwood Springs Hatchery from milt and roe (sperm and eggs) collected from wild brood stock. This hatchery is one of the few that rear rainbow trout from wild stock.

Volunteers met with the hatchery truck along Highway 14 to pick up buckets of 500 fish, before driving them to designated stretches of the Poudre River for release. They drove back and forth most of the day, taking bucket after bucket of fish to their new homes.

“The goal is to spread the fish out as much as possible to increase their chances of surviving to adulthood,” Battige said. “Fry can only live in the buckets for a short amount of time before they run out of oxygen, so quickly getting them to a calm stretch of water along the river is important.”

It will be several years before these fish grow to a catchable size; however, the long wait and some afternoon rain weren't enough to deter Rocky Mountain Flycaster members, including president Mark Miller from doing this important work.

“Over 20 of our members traveled from Berthoud, Loveland, Fort Collins, Greeley and Evans to assist CPW in restoring this fishery,” Miller said. “Rocky Mountain Flycasters has been conserving and protecting Northern Colorado watersheds since 1983 and we are excited to be a part of this effort to improve this amazing resource for the future”

[\[VIDEO\] Watch CPW and volunteers stock fish in the Cache la Poudre River](#)

CPW Video

At this time CPW is not stocking brown trout. Brown trout are still present up and downstream of the impacted reaches of the river and the long-term hope is that they will return naturally over time. The intent is to establish rainbow trout populations while brown trout numbers are reduced.

“Assistance from organizations such as Trout Unlimited is vital to the work that CPW does,” Battige said. “Without them, the amount of time, effort and resources required to stock these fish increases dramatically.”

“The sportfishing benefits of this effort will not be felt for years to come, but with the hard work and dedicated support of organizations like Trout Unlimited, we were able to take these early steps toward recovery,” Battige said.

Learn more about CPW's history as fishery and aquatic management leaders:

<https://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/Aquatic.aspx>





GOOD NEWS for Colorado's Official State Fish

Colorado's official state fish makes second comeback after previously thought extinct.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife confirmed that the greenback cutthroat trout reintroduction efforts had successfully reproduced fish on their own in Herman Gulch.

Click the button below to read the complete article in the Colorado Sun.

[Colorado Sun Article](#)



Have you fished Long Draw?

I write this with great satisfaction from a summer well spent on Long Draw Reservoir. You may or may not know that this reservoir is part of the Poudre Watershed Project. Changes will be coming to this reservoir in the future. In the meantime, I recommend you take advantage of this fishery.

Dave Morse, Mark Carter and I made several trips to Long Draw throughout the summer. Long Draw road opens around July 1 and we started our trips shortly thereafter. Dave was so excited for the trip, he actually agreed to a 5 AM departure. If you know Dave - that is WAY before he usually wakes up.

Early in the season, the reservoir was full of very cold water. Fish were active in the shallow end and I had my best day of the summer. We caught so many fish that I lost my personal count somewhere around 40. Dave and Mark do a better job of remembering each fish - I just enjoy the moment. I caught fish on four consecutive casts, not once, but twice. The others enjoyed similar success.

As the summer progressed, water level dropped (typical of an irrigation reservoir). The best fishing was mid lake in early August. Find a piece of structure or a small feeder creek and it was constant action. By September water level was very low and the best fishing was near the dam. The vast majority of fish were caught on big dry flies; Hoppers, Stimulators, and Hippie Stompers. If you tie flies, don't use a light wire hook for these fish; I had several hooks bend on me.

Our last trip together was in early September. The morning was slow and my knee was getting stiff from kicking the float tube so I bailed out and walked to the stream below the dam. When I returned, Mark and Dave said the fish started rising just after I departed. They had a great afternoon. (I had a good afternoon on the stream, but not the action they enjoyed). The pic of Dave's fish (below) was taken just before we called it a day.

Things to know:

- Float tubes are best. You can fish from the shore, but you are limited. As the water level drops, the bank can be very muddy.
- Go early as the afternoons can become very windy.
- Be prepared for chilly mornings.
- Long Draw Road opens around July 1. [Check the Forest Service website for road status.](#)
- The road is dirt and rough in places, but 4X4 is not necessary.
- There are two camp grounds near the lake and dispersed campsites along the road to the reservoir.
- Have a box of big dry flies (Hippie Stomper was my go to) and some simple droppers.
- A five weight rod is fine but be prepared for wind.
- Take a camera.
- Watch out for the wildlife!!!

Each trip up the 10 mile Long Draw road is an adventure. Sometimes we make the trip in a few minutes; other times it could take an hour. It all depends on the wildlife sightings. I thought I was an OK photographer. But when I saw the images Mark and Dave produce, I just offered to drive.

If you want to make a trip to Long Draw next year, find one of us at the next RMFTU general membership meeting. It's never too early to start planning for next year!!

Dave Handshue
Flypaper Editor

Photo Credit: Mark Carter





Vince Herrera's St. Pete's Fly Fishing Report For October

October has landed in the front range and the hot temperatures are beginning to work their way out. Mornings are starting to call for light jackets and waders and the afternoon temperatures will slowly begin to get cooler as we move into Autumn. Don't forget to get out and see some of the aspens changing as fall emerges and enjoy some of that fall fishing while it lasts.

Our local waters have undergone some big changes in the last couple of months. We saw the summer bring us lots of rainfall which left our rivers off color but now that fall has come into the mix we have seen less rain and some unbelievably clear flows. With changes happening in the ecosystem we will also want to make changes to our techniques and tactics just like every season. During the summer it felt like fish were taking anything that hit the water

from big hoppers and stoneflies on the surface, to big stoneflies, attractors, worms, leeches and much more below. Flows were off-color, fish felt comfortable, and could capitalize on a lot of different meals with minimal risk. Now, with the lower and clear flows we will want to take a more sophisticated approach by changing our tippet sizes, our fly selection, and techniques to out smart the trout that are now looking for natural imitations of their food. When I say natural I am referring to our bug selection and using flies with less flash, beadless nymphs head, more olive and brown coloration and smaller sizes. Hoppers and big stoneflies have



started to dwindle away and fish are now more skeptical when a bright, flashy fly hits the water. Trout are less inclined to eat these large flies as they know the season is progressing into smaller bugs. As of late we have been seeing a big influx of Blue Wing Olive hatches on our streams. The BWO is a cool weather mayfly that we see emerge during the cooler months like February-May and October-December. This will be a big focus in our fly selection. There is a series of flies that I like to use to help mimic each stage of the Blue Wing Olive life cycle starting with the nymph being a #18-22 Pheasant Tail Nymph. As we may know trout receive 70% of their diet on nymphs alone and this is a pattern that helps steer me into the winter as the bugs get even smaller. As nymphs begin their next step in life they will swim through the water column where I use a #18-22 Sparkle Wing RS2. This fly has a loop of flat, white, braid that will mimic the trapped gasses that help pull the bug through the water column making it indistinguishable from a real emerging mayfly. Just as the emerger reaches the underside of the surface it get trapped in the surface tension where I like to fish a Mole Fly or Film Critic in a #20. This fly hangs just into the surface film where it looks vulnerable to fish as they pass overhead. As these flies crawl out into the surface fish will begin eating their duns and this is a good sign to throw on an adult #18-20 Extended Body Blue Winged Olive Mayfly. You can also fish the dun up front with the cripple behind and cover both stages of life in one drift. I have been fishing these patterns on 5x tippet. With the clarity being really good, fish can also see out of the water very well. If your tippet is too big the fish will notice that the fly isn't drifting correctly or they can even see your tippet on some occasions. If dry flies aren't hatching I still have been throwing a hopper dropper with a smaller #16 Chubby Chernobyl up top with a #16-18 ticket below, or some sort of tungsten weighted nymph like a #18 Jig Baetis or #16 Sunkist Mayfly. I am still using fluorocarbon anytime I fish below the surface but just like my nylon, the diameters for both have been 5x and occasionally 4x if I can get away with it. Fish have still been taking the hopper on those warmer afternoons and mornings but going forward I will be starting my days out with a Euro Nymphing rig so I can get really good drifts before the hatches start. A Euro Nymphing rig works wonders during our low water seasons. It takes out the fly line and indicator which causes an unnatural drift and allows you to get the best, drag-free drift which will lead to more fish eating and more fish in the net. This isn't a standard way of nymphing and often requires the right equipment. If you would like to know more about this technique I will actually be teaching a class on October 15th at Picnic Rock. The class is 4 hours and costs \$100 dollars. We focus on a couple different methods of nymphing and spend the most time on the Euro Rig. There is limited availability so feel free to call the Old Town store to sign up before it's full.



With the cooler weather coming in, the brown and Brook trout will begin their spawning rituals and become quite aggressive. This is a good time to get familiar with fishing a streamer or a fly that mimics other fish. On top of aggression, fish can only get so big before they have to feed on other fish to sustain thus the streamer comes into play. For me, streamer fishing wasn't really too successful until I left my dries and nymphs at home. I got out of my comfort zone and learned how to catch trout of all sizes on large flies and let me tell you, it's worth it. You might sacrifice fish numbers while learning but those numbers will be made up by the size and quality of the fish you will

catch when you get comfortable fishing streamers. Some of my favorites that I fish often are Thin Mints, Slumbusters, The Geisha Girl, and Mini Peanut-Envy. Get familiar with these streamer patterns and at least give them a try one day. If you know Matt at our Old Town store he is worth

chatting with about streamer fishing. He spent several seasons guiding on water that is well known specifically for catching big fish on streamers. That is his preferred way of fishing and he also will be holding our On the Water Streamer class on October 15th. This will be an afternoon session on the Poudre River that includes flies and gear for \$85 dollars. We have had a few signups so call to sign up while we still have the availability. You will learn quite a bit about this style of fishing and Matt is a good person to learn from. Aside from Brown Trout I have heard from customers and seen for myself the amount of aggressive rainbows taking these flies in the Poudre Canyon. It's not just the browns that like to eat other fish, it's all mature trout. Sometimes you find a small fish with a large appetite biting at your streamer and you will have a blast watching these fish chase your fly so just have fun with it.

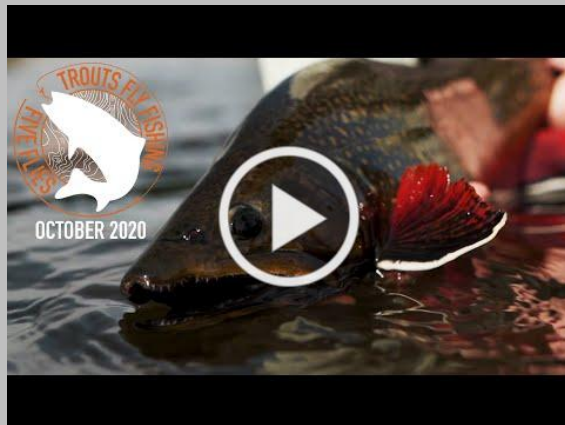
Start dusting off your vices because as October settles in, so will the tying season. A lot of us do not fish during the cold months but instead, use this time to replenish the flies we lost over the summer time. I will talk more about fly tying during tnovember but I at least wanted to grease the gears a little bit. If you haven't started tying flies then now is the time for you to get started. We hold several sessions of Intro and Intermediate Fly Tying with the first intro class scheduled for Saturday, October 22nd. Whether you fish or not this is a great way to keep your brain active as we get into longer nights. There is also nothing more rewarding than catching a fish on the fly that you tied on your own. If you cannot make the October 22nd class, just be on the lookout for more sessions. We try to do 1-2 classes a month so find a date that works for you and come join us in learning how to tie your own flies. It's very fun.



I hope you all have some time to enjoy the autumn season outside. We'll be wishing it was summer in no time so soak it in now before it gets too cold. If you have any questions about the above information please give me at the Old Town Store. I'd love to get you set up for some of the great fishing ahead of us. Enjoy your fall seasons and we will see you around!



Video of the Month



Five Flies for October 2020.



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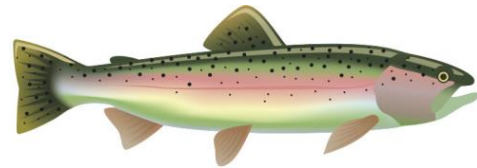


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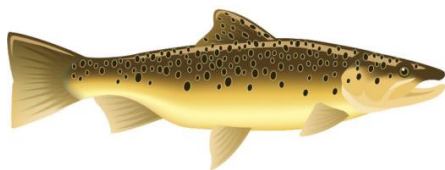
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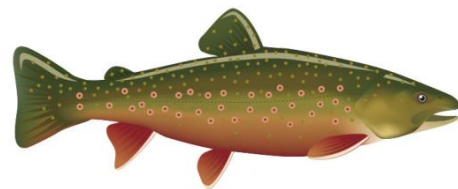
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