



Dear Fly Fishing Enthusiasts:

I hope this newsletter finds all of you with tight lines and a lot of big fish with a dry fly attached to their mouths!

July has been a great month for our fishermen across the country, and the daily emails have been packed with their success stories and photos. There is nothing that's more satisfying to us than our fishermen having fun and catching fish on our dry flies. In an effort to make you even more successful, DFI has authored what we call the "Master Index." It's an index and chart of all the bugs we sell with insight on how best to fish that specific pattern. There is a lot to know about a dry fly, and by carefully reviewing the information enclosed in this chart, you'll always know the water conditions that our bugs were designed to excel in. [Click here to review.](#)



So much for July; and even though it was an awesome month of fishing...bring on August!! I always look at August as one of the most productive of all months to fish, but it can be extremely challenging. You'll be on rivers in August with multiple hatches all happening at the same time, and you must figure out which bug the fish are keying on. That means you must expand your inventory to cover the wide range of hatches you might encounter. Let me give you some insight. If you have a multiple species hatch and caddis are in the mix, match the caddis and serve it to the fish first. Oftentimes when fish are choosing, they love caddis. If mayflies are multiple species on the surface, watch the



way the fish are eating and determine first if it's an emerger bite or whether the fish are eating duns. If you're seeing a nose above the surface, it's a dun. If it's a ring without a nose, they are sucking emergers. Once you have identified the stage of the hatch they are keying on, then you can match color and size. If you are outside the hatch in August and there are no feeding fish, great searcher bugs you can always turn to would be a Bullet Head Hopper, a Caddis, a Stimulator, or a Golden Stone pattern. We have assembled a collection of the flies that are major players in August. Here they are (page 2).

One other fishing tip for August: It can get extremely hot in many of the locations you fish, and the insect hatches get what I call "burned off." Fish will then go to morning and evening encounters with bugs at the surface. If you find yourself in "Burned Off" conditions, go back to the basics. An ant pattern, a beetle, and a hopper are not weather related when they enter the water, and fish can often be attracted to the surface on a terrestrial. These patterns can be your midday savior on many bodies of water cross the country.

Best of luck in August, and we'll chat again in September. Many thanks for your business, your emails, and your support of DFI.



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# Bug Selection for August (Rivers)

Pink Single Upright Wing #18



Cicada #12, #10



PMD Mayfly #20, #18



Bullet Head Hopper #6



Gray Mayfly #18, #16



Adams Caddis #18, #16



Baetis Tantalizer #18



Caddidge #22



Pink Tantalizer #18, #16



Trico Green Upright Wing #20



Trico Black Upright Wing #20



Black No Hackle #22



Black Gold #12- #6



Gray Searcher #16



PMD Searcher #16



Mahogany Upright Wing #18



Mahogany Searcher #16



Rusty No Hackle #22



Tan Stimulator #12, #10



Adams Stimulator #16, #14



Peacock Caddis #16, #14



Get Her Done Peacock #16, #14



Cricket #12, #10



Baetis Soft Hackle #20, #18



Pink Soft Hackle #18, #16



Black Soft Hackle #20, #18



Gray Tantalizer #18, #16



# Bug Selection for August (Mountains)

Bullet Head Hoppers #12



Black Ants #16, #14



Cinnamon Ants #14, #16



Beetles #14, #12



Emperor Caddis Black #20, #18



Blue Dun Stimulator #16, #14



Adams Stimulator #16, #14



Mountain Emerger Black #18, #16



Mountain Emerger Gray #18, #16



Adams Caddis Green #18, #16



Spruce Moth #12



Get Her Done Caddis Gray #16, #14



Gray Single Upright Wing #18



Trico Single Upright Wing #20



Blue Damsel #14



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