

Fly Selection

G S C H A I R D T A S H S I T
E R R A R V H K T F T C E N U
A Z A E D P R T A Z O T I S A
Q J L S M D R A S O N A L E P
A D T Y S A I R L H E M F C H
L P N O C H E S G N F U Y T D
E V U T O G O R F H L C A Y J
D Y O M R R M P T B I V M U Y
S R Y E K M D Z P S E O N A T
S M M I M I T A T E S K I Z K
R E T A W T L A S B R N I Y F
U Q I F M C M C Y N A S N L R
T E R R E S T R I A L S I N O
H O M B D R Y A E T E E F C Q
H C T A H U Y M R J S K Y O T

Search for the words in bold in the puzzle above. Words are arranged up, down, and backwards

Flies are tied to mimic a fishes natural prey in fresh or **saltwater**. Flies are tied using a variety of different materials including feathers, fur, thread, foam, and thread just to name a few. Flies are classified as wets, dries, and streamers.

When selecting a fly anglers usually choose a fly to **imitate** the most abundant and largest natural prey in that river or lake that fish would feed on. If there is a **hatch** occurring (when the nymphs and larva are changing into adults) anglers will try to “**match** the hatch” by selecting a fly that is the same shape and color as the natural insects.

Nymphs and **larva** are wet flies meaning they are fished below the water’s surface. They imitate immature **mayflies**, **caddis**, **stoneflies**, midges, damsel fly and dragon flies and a host of other insects

Emergers imitate an aquatic insect when they are changing from a **nymph** or larva into an adult. This is a dangerous time for the insect and a great feeding opportunity for the trout because the **insect** is helpless on the water’s surface waiting for its wings to dry enough to fly away.

Dry flies imitate adult insects and **terrestrials** like **grasshoppers**, ants, and beetles that fall into the water.

Streamers primarily imitate bait fish and can often reward fly fishers with strikes from large fish.

When there isn’t an insect hatch fly fishers use **attractor** patterns. Attractors are usually large and brightly colored flies that have characteristics of several different types of prey that fish feed on.