Transitional Trouting in Fall DH Streams By Jeff Durniak Georgia Wildlife Resources Division Georgiawildlife.com

Two themes: Temperature and Training

I) Temperature:

- above 65: slowing
- 50-64: game on
- 50-40: slowing
- Below 40: dead
- Remember trends
- Start NC, end in warmer GA

II) Training - Four stages:

A) The Dumplin'

- Dumb as a stump!
- Trained on pellets
- Hang in pods
- What: moving or flashy flies
- Bugger twitch
- Squirmy
- Flashy nymphs -Landon
- Dropper pheasant tail soft hackle
- Where: famine and feast.
 - Cover ground til you find honey hole(s). Then pound it. Call tails instead of heads.
 (fich the tails of people)
 - (fish the tails of pools)

B) The Trainee

- Dead drifted calories- leech, rubber legs, egg
 - o (Legs and eggs)
 - Prince or pheasant tail (ptail) dropper

C) The Graduate

- Big in front : Small bugger or rubberlegs
- Small trailer pheasant tail, hares ear, zebra midge

D) Mixed bag - grads and dumplins

- Enemy diameter (fly line and leader butts)
- Friend- lots of tippet
- Try Euro rigs and jigs
- Egg and ptail combo
- The Dinsmore split

The Home Stretch

A) DH Stream Tips:

- Ledges : Tooga, Tuck, Hooch, Ami, logjams: Smith
- Boulders: Nan
- Seams: upper Toccoa

B) More Intel:

- WRD fishing blog: <u>https://georgiawildlife.blog/category/fishing/</u>
- New online trout map: https://georgiawildlife.com/Fishing/Trout
- Secrets of the Rabunites: http://rabuntu.org/site/about/educational-programs/secrets/
- THANK YOU!
 - For purchasing fishing licenses, tackle, and the TU Brookie vehicle license plates!!!

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Good luck!

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