

## **The Wet Trico**

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**I have been a fly fisherman for thirty years, but a wet fly fisherman for the last fifteen. I know that the mere mention of wet flies will draw looks as if you have a third eye in the middle of your forehead, but if you are looking for an alternative to the same old routine you just might want to give this tiny wet a try. About two years ago while fishing Spring Creek, I found myself in the middle of a huge Trico hatch. You know the type, clouds of flies hovering over just about every riffle on the stream. As I stood on the bank and surveyed the water, I was amazed to see trout rising along the banks, and darting back and forth while feeding just under the surface. Now, for most people this would be the perfect scenario, but I had only one problem, I only carry wet flies. The average person would think of this as a lost opportunity, but on the ride home I had an idea that hit me like a bolt of lightning. I could have sat down at the vice and tied a dry fly which would have taken care of the the trout feeding on the surface. Two, whip up a Trico nymph to take care of the feeding fish under the surface, or three come up with a wet fly to take care of both problems at the same time. I decided to go with option three. The first thing I needed to do was match up the colors in some of the softest materials I could find, which would give my new fly maximum movement in the water. After about two weeks of work I was ready to test out my new Trico. It was a late summer morning and the fog was hanging over my favorite stretch at Spring Creek like a fine netting. As I pulled into the parking area, I could already feel the adrenaline beginning to pump me up. No matter how long I have been fly fishing, I still get a rush every time I go out. After positioning myself in the water I noticed the fish starting to work under the surface. The excitement rose as I peeled off some line and made my first cast...then my second cast....followed by a third. Nothing! What in the world could I have done wrong? After collecting my thoughts I decided to go with a longer leader and a finer tippet. That was it. The next six casts produced fish, one right after another. I thought how could this get any better? When the hatch was in full swing, it did get better much better. As the fish started to rise, it was like they had a giant bulls eye painted on them. One by one they could not resist this new fly. By the end of the day I had 23 trout in all taken on this tiny wet Trico. Not bad for a late season trip. To this day when the Tricos are hatching, the results are the same. This is a fly worth taking some time to tie. It won't disappoint you.**