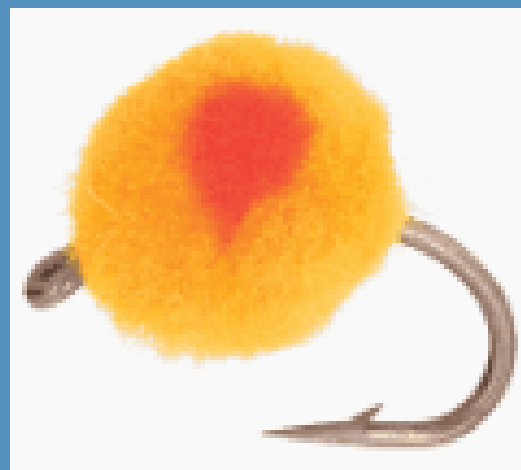


MORE FISH IN THE NET

Tips to improve your success on the water

EGGS ARE A WINTER ANGLER'S BEST FRIEND

The best winter trout fly is the humble egg pattern. Eggs in shades of yellow, cream, orange, pink, brown (trout chow emulator) and chartreuse or blends of these colors all work under different stream conditions. The key is to fish egg patterns so they naturally drift with the current on or very near the bottom of the stream. This usually requires weighting the egg with metal beads or split shot about 6 inches up the leader and fishing them under an indicator.



ADD A MIDGE

It is a great strategy to fish a zebra midge in tandem with an egg pattern.

Cast the indicator rig slightly upstream and let it tumble down stream with the current, lifting the rod and making mends to allow a drag free drift without any tension on the strike indicator. Set the indicator at 1.5 to 2 times the depth of the water you are fishing and frequently adjust the indicator depth for different stream depths and current velocities. If the indicator dips, sinks, slides sideways or stops, set the hook.



This egg/zebra midge tandem rig can get you some bites from winter trout when other techniques fail.