



Riffles

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East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited

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Winding Down

We've reached that part of the year when, while some among us proclaim that they prefer cold weather, most of us snort and sadly say goodbye to flowers, butterflies, fresh tomatoes, short sleeves, wading, warm sun on our backs, bare and sandy feet and other joys that are probably reminders of the "school's out" days.

As earth swings in toward the sun it does not career into winter but rather sidles into it as it prepares for January/February weather. Puffy insect nests appear on the bottoms of outdoor furniture while mosquitoes continue to hover near anything with warm blood; crickets and spiders sneak into homes through any opening, leaves develop a tired and tattered appearance and the amazing migrations begin.

One day in September I parted the leaves on a group Joe Pye Weeds and found a Monarch caterpillar lazily eating. Later in September a Monarch Butterfly hung upside down where the caterpillar had been fattening up. I didn't see the Butterfly leave but when I saw other Monarchs flying south near Ringwood State Park I wondered if they might meet my fourth generation butterfly either on the journey through the south or later in some Mexican forest

Some summer inhabitants don't migrate but don on different garb. The summer's striking male Goldfinch develops an unkempt, derelict appearance until the molt is over and he fully changes from summer's electric yellow to winter's drab brown. Yes, he's still here but now he is suited for winter.

When: October 12 at 7:30 PM

Where: American Legion Hall
33 West Passaic Street
Rochelle Park, NJ

October Speaker Ben Turpin

Ben Turpin is an Orvis endorsed guide who offers guided fly fishing trips in the Pocono Mountains and Northwest New Jersey. He guides in this historic fly fishing area: the Brodhead Creek, Lehigh River, Big Bushkill Creek, Big Flat Brook, and the Pequest River. He also guides the Southeastern, PA limestone streams in the Allentown, Bethlehem and Easton areas, a short ride from New Jersey, and the classic limestone streams of Central Pennsylvania.

Ben has the ability to cater to fly fishermen of all skill levels because he is an experienced fly fishing instructor.

To round out his impressive resume, Ben also builds custom cane and graphic fly rods designed for performance and aesthetic quality

TIC Egg Delivery



Volunteers needed on **Wednesday Oct. 26** for delivery of trout eggs to the 19 schools participating in the Trout In the Classroom program in the East Jersey T.U. area.

Please contact **George Petersen** (grpetersen44@verizon.net or 973.772.6311)

EJTU Calendar

If you wish to go on one of the fishing trips contact Ed Higgins at (easyedh@gmail.com) well in advance. If the trip requires reservations or other arrangements openings are often limited and the reservations must be made in advance.



- Oct. 8 [Sat]** Esopus Creek
- Oct 12 [Wed]** Member Mtg, Ben Turpin
- Oct 14 [Fri]** Trout stocking Ramapo
- Oct 19 [Wed]** Pequest
- Oct 26 [Wed]** TIC egg deliveries
- Nov 5 [Sat]** Ken Lockwood Gorge
- Nov 9 [Wed]** Member Mtg, Tom Gilmore
- Nov 23 [Wed]** Ramapo Trip

The latest information on EJTU's planned fishing trips.

Links to stream-flow web sites.

Riffles archives.

Links to dozens of fishing sites.



The easiest way to get all of this is to
Visit the East Jersey TU web site

www.eastjerseytu.org

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Monthly General Member Meeting: The East Jersey Chapter of Trout Unlimited meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM.

Location: The American Legion Hall,
33 West Passaic St, Rochelle Park, NJ. 07662.

Monthly Board Meeting: Board Members of East Jersey Trout Unlimited meet on the last Thursday of each month at 7:30PM.

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Welcome to September's New Members

Richard Pearce	Hillsborough
Walter Samul	West NY
Richard Watkins	Little Falls

November Speaker

Tom Gilmore will present his Big Apple Sampler - the author's favorite Tri-state Trout Streams at our November 9 meeting. This is a trout stream tour of the tri-states top trout streams

Fly of the Month

The hatches of summer are winding down and it's time to think subsurface. October's fly of the month will be bead head nymphs.

Bead heads currently dominate the nymph category and for good reason. The patterns have the weight and flash necessary to provide some action when nothing seems to be happening.

Tie up your favorite bead head pattern, or better yet, an assortment of your favorites and turn them in at the next meeting.

You will receive 10 points and an entry into the monthly drawing for every dozen flies you turn in.

More important, you will be helping your chapter raise funds for our various projects. If you can't make the meeting, mail your flies to the chapter P.O. Box or turn them in to any director.



I asked God for a bike, but I know God doesn't work that way. So I stole a bike and asked for forgiveness



The Prince Nymph



Flies are often named after the person who first tied them or the material used to tie it or what it's meant to do. For example a Wulff pattern or a Pheasant Tail or a Stimulator. I never was quite sure why a Prince nymph was called a Prince. I assumed that because it was so popular and so effective, it was regarded as a "prince of a fly." However, a little research online found a number of websites that claim that Doug Prince, a California fly tier, either first tied and/or popularized the Prince nymph. Regardless of what its origins are, it's an indispensable fly for many fly fishermen.



The following is a short paragraph from the Orvis website:

In a recent poll of fly-fishing professionals asking them to identify their favorite searching nymphs, the Prince Nymph was one of the most popular choices. Although some argue that this style of nymph originated with Don and Dick Olson of Bemidji, Minnesota, it is named for Doug Prince, a California tier of the 1940s. This pattern works great as a caddis fly nymph, a small stone-fly, and as a general searching pattern. You can also strip it back at the end of a drift like a wet fly or streamer. You should not head for any trout stream without a few Princes in your fly box.

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Fly Tying Classes

Tuesday night fly Tying classes (7 to 10 PM) have begun at Paramus' Westbrook middle School but you can still get in if you go to the class. But, if you live in the Wayne area, our classes there are just about to start.

Monday Nights 7-9:30 PM
 Preakness School, Hamburg Turnpike, Wayne, NJ
 Classes Begin: Monday, October 3rd
 Fee: \$65 – Advanced registration is required
 Contact: Wayne Community Programs – (973) 968-74278

Beginners - Learn techniques and materials needed to tie flies. Patterns include a selection of nymphs, streamers, wet and dry flies. You will gain the basic understanding needed to tie flies that will catch fish. All tools, materials and an EJTU Fly Tying manual are supplied to beginners. A \$20 materials fee will be collected at the first class.



Intermediate tiers - learn additional techniques and patterns to advance understanding of the basic materials and techniques learned in the beginners course. Intermediate tiers will be expected to have their own equipment and materials.

The classes are divided into small groups of 2 to 4 students per instructor.

For additional information, contact Doug Penna (201) 288-4409



Fall Trout Stocking Schedule

The State will stock the Ramapo River with 880 trout on Friday, October 14. NJ Department of Fish and Wildlife will start its fall trout stocking in the second week of October this year rather than in the first week as in past years. They will stock the below listed northern New Jersey streams during the first week of stocking.



Monday, October 10 - No stocking

Tuesday, October 11

MONMOUTH & OCEAN COUNTIES

- Manasquan River - 650
- Metedeconk River, North Branch - 150
- Metedeconk River, South Branch - 240
- Tom's River (including TCA) - 360

SOMERSET COUNTY

- Raritan River, North Branch - 920

SUSSEX & WARREN COUNTIES

- Paulinskill River, and E/Br and W/Br - 1,720

Wednesday, October 12

HUNTERDON, MORRIS & WARREN COUNTIES

- Musconetcong River (including Point Mt. TCA, Hunterdon County) - 2,820

SUSSEX & WARREN COUNTIES

- Pequest River (including TCA, Pequest WMA) - 1,550

Thursday, October 13

SUSSEX COUNTY

- Big Flat Brook - 1,620
- Walkkill River - 470

MORRIS COUNTY

- Black River - 330
- Rockaway River - 1,290

WARREN COUNTY

- Pohatcong Creek - 800

Friday, October 14

BERGEN & PASSAIC COUNTIES

- Wanaque River - 330
- Ramapo River - 880**



The Department of Environmental Protection and Department of Health and Senior Services are urging State residents to take precautions to protect themselves from mosquito-borne West Nile virus by taking simple steps to reduce populations of the insect on their own properties.

Mosquito activity can continue until late October and they also can become active throughout the entire day at this time of year so late summer and early fall are typically the most critical times of the year to be aware of the potential for the dangers of contracting West Nile virus from mosquito bites.

Concerns are elevated this year because many areas of the State are still wet as a result of excessive rainfall over the late summer. These wet areas serve as breeding grounds for mosquitoes.

Last year there were 30 human case of West Nile virus in New Jersey, including two deaths. So far this year DHSS has identified four human cases of West Nile virus with no fatalities. DHSS also reported that 25 birds



West Nile Virus

have died from confirmed cases of West Nile virus

The DEP offers the following tips on how to limit mosquitoes on your property:

- Dispose of water-holding containers that have accumulated.
- Clean clogged roof gutters, particularly if leaves from surrounding trees plug up the drains. Roof gutters are easily overlooked but can produce millions of mosquitoes each season.
- Pay special attention to discarded tires that may have accumulated. The used tire has become the most important domestic mosquito producer in this country.
- Drill holes in the bottom and elevate recycling containers left out of doors.
- Turn over plastic wading pools when not in use. A wading pool becomes a mosquito producer if it is not used on a regular basis.
- Turn over wheelbarrows and do not allow water to stagnate in bird baths.
- Aerate ornamental pools or stock them with fish. Water gardens are fashionable but become major mosquito producers if they are allowed to stagnate.



- Clean and chlorinate swimming pools that are not being used. A swimming pool that is left untended can produce enough mosquitoes to result in neighborhood-wide complaints. Mosquitoes may even breed in the water that collects on pool covers.

- Use landscaping to eliminate standing water that collects on your property. Mosquitoes will develop in any puddle that lasts more than four days.

- Maintain mechanical barriers, such as window and door screens, to prevent mosquitoes from entering buildings. Barriers over rain barrels or cistern and septic pipes will deny female mosquitoes the opportunity to lay eggs on water.

* If you have problems controlling mosquitoes, contact your county mosquito control agency by calling 888-666-5968.

For more DEP information visit: www.nj.gov/dep/mosquito and the State Department of Health and Senior Services: www.state.nj.us/health/cd/westnile



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