

**Fly of the month: Green drake
(Hexagenia Limbata)**



Hook: size 8-12

Wing: elk hair

Hackle: Dun, tied parachute style

Thorax make extended body using bundled elk hair or a porcupine quill

Tail: Moose hair

This fly imitates the green drake. Fish this fly at night dwnstream of muddy-bottom reaches.

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Upcoming Events
September Chapter Meeting
Tuesday, September 22, 7:00

October Chapter Meeting
Tuesday, October 27, 7:00

Trout Unlimited - Our Vision

By the next generation, Trout Unlimited will ensure that robust populations of native and wild coldwater fish once again thrive within their North American range, so that our children can enjoy healthy fisheries in their home waters.

Monthly Meeting

The Squan-a-Tissit Chapter of Trout Unlimited holds monthly meetings for chapter members and guests on the fourth Tuesday of the month (Sept. through May) at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Hall, Route 113 & Leighton Street, Pepperell, MA.

Meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m., however members and guests are encouraged to arrive earlier and participate in informal fly-tying. Bring your own vice and materials.

Directions:

From Rt. 3: Take the Rt. 113 Exit (Tyngsboro, Dunstable) and proceed west on Rt. 113, 6.5 miles, through Dunstable and into Pepperell. The VFW Hall will be located on the left side of Rt. 113, opposite a small center island with a stone monument and three flagpoles.

From Rt. 495: Take the Rt. 119 Exit (Littleton Common) and proceed west on Rt. 119, 9 miles, through Groton and into Pepperell. Turn right onto Rt. 111, and proceed 2.7 miles to a rotary. Turn right onto Rt. 113, and proceed 1.5 miles. The VFW hall will be located on the right side of Rt. 113, opposite a small center island with a stone monument and three flagpoles.

From Rt. 2: Take the Rt. 111 Exit (Ayer, Harvard, Clinton) and proceed north on Rt. 111, approximately 12 miles (total, to the Pepperell rotary), through Ayer and Groton to Pepperell. Route 111 merges with Rt. 119 in Groton. Once in Pepperell, Rt. 111 bears to the right (off of Rt. 119). Turn right onto Rt. 111 and proceed 2.7 miles to a rotary. Turn right onto Rt. 113, and proceed 1.5 miles. The VFW hall will be located on the right side of Rt. 113, opposite a small center island with a stone monument and three flagpoles.

Email - Sign up

All Squan-a-Tissit Chapter members are asked to please sign up for the Email announcement list:

<http://www.squanatissit.org/newsletters.php>



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presenting

The AuSable
- Home river of TU's
founding fathers

Join us !

Squan-a-tissit Chapter News

A Note from the President

Welcome, I hope everyone had a great summer and a chance to spend some time on the water. Fishing locally has been very good. The cool rainy weather replenished the rivers and kept the waters cool. Hatches were plentiful and if catch rates are an indicator, Brook Trout populations in the Niss are healthy and increasing.

This is a great time to be in New England. With fall approaching there are a lot of TU activities planned. Check out the activities calendar on our website and join in and help your chapter.

See you all at the next meeting !

Michael Rosser

A thousand words



Name that Fish !

Creek chub



ID: olive back, silver sides with a dark stripe

Size: 8-10 inches, but often much smaller

Habitat: small streams , gravel bottoms

Behavior: in spring ,spawning males have a rosy color and develop tubercles on their heads, which give them their common name: "horned dace"

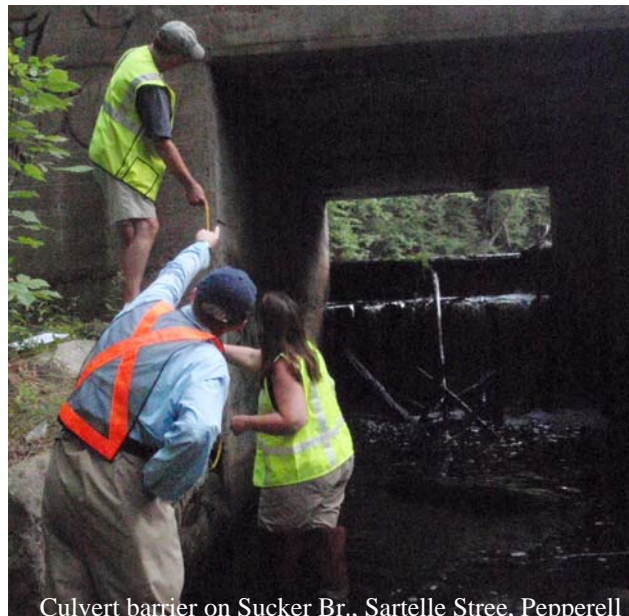
Stream Continuity Training

This summer the Squan-a-Tissit TU chapter organized a training session, conducted by MA Riverways, to learn methods for conducting Stream Continuity assessments. The goal of the continuity assessments will be to identify crossings that are barriers to fish and wildlife passage and to help set priorities in restoring stream habitat in the Nissitissit and Squannacook watersheds.

Attending the training were TU chapter members D. Armstrong, M. Rosser, R. Schott, K. Reynolds, E. Kauppi, and T. McDaniels. Also participating were project partners from the NRW, Friends of Willard Brook, O.A.R., Pepperell and Townsend ConsCom, MassWildlife, and the USGS.

The purpose of the training was to "Train the Trainers". You did not need to attend the training to participate in the project. Volunteers are needed to conduct the assessments this fall and next summer.

Contact Dave Armstrong, to participate.



Culvert barrier on Sucker Br., Sartelle Stree, Pepperell

Guest Speaker

Doug Lyons

The AuSable —Home River of TU's Founding Fathers

Join us to hear an enticing presentation by Boston TU member Doug Lyons. Doug has some fine tales to tell of a pilgrimage this summer to Grayling, Michigan to fish the fabled green drake (Hexagenia) hatch on the AuSable River—the home river of TU's founding fathers !



A hefty brown—caught by Doug's son at 12:30 a.m. during a heavy hex spinner fall.

The presentation will include a video that Doug and his traveling companions put together. Doug claims the video is of "high quality with music, fades, and professional editing", but chances are you may not notice because you will be focused on some trout that have to be seen to be believed !

Lending a hand

Squan-a-Tissit TU members Steve Kirk, Michael Rosser, Kirk Reynolds, John Lejeune, Paul Apgar, and Jim Wilson have been helping out with Project Healing Waters a program where local fly fishermen, many from TU or the Federation of Fly Fishers, team up with injured and disabled veterans to rebuild self-esteem and fine motor skills by introducing, or reintroducing, them to fly fishing.



There is a fine article on this activity in the Concord Journal at <http://www.wickedlocal.com/concord/homepage/x1528793298/Healing-veterans-with-fly-tying-classes-at-Bedford-VA-Hospital>

Check out the article and if you see these gentlemen, thank them, or better yet—join them! Sessions are held the first Thursday evening of the month. Contact Michael Rosser for further information.

Operation of ATVs is illegal in Wildlife Management Areas.

To report violations of off-road recreation vehicle, environmental, or wildlife laws please contact the Environmental Police Radio Communications Center 1-800-632-8075.