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Editors Choice Tippets

Didymo Infestation Caused by Climate Change, Study Suggests

A species of algae — sometimes called "rock snot" due to the way its tendrils attach to rocks in waterways — is infiltrating parts of eastern Canada due to global warming and not accidental introductions from humans tromping around, a new study suggests.

Outbreaks of didymo, as the species is called, have been reported in the United States, New Zealand, Europe and Canada in recent decades, causing policymakers and many scientists to say humans transported the algae. Fossilized algae in lake sediments, however, tell a different story.

One lake studied in the Gaspésie region of Quebec showed fossilized *Didymosphenia geminata* (one species of didymo) dating back to about 1970, or 36 years before the first official reports of an outbreak were recorded in the region.

Another lake, which has inflowing river sediments and does not contain evidence of didymo, showed an increase in other algae species at about the same rate that didymo proliferated in the first lake. The increase in algae was consistent with patterns associated with climate change, the researchers who examined the lakes said.



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Exceptionally well tied flies and photograph

Around the Club

The season is almost over and as always I await with anticipation the High Country end of season trip. Never really had the expected back end fishing for lake fish running up the rivers but hope the Upuk which is my favourite will deliver the goods this time!

There is a club Lodge trip organised for the weekend of the 24 May but the end is on the Saturday 31 May so I will be in Te Anau overnight for an early start to the final day.

"People get the Politicians and fishing tackle they deserve."

John Gierach

Fishing Report by Redtag

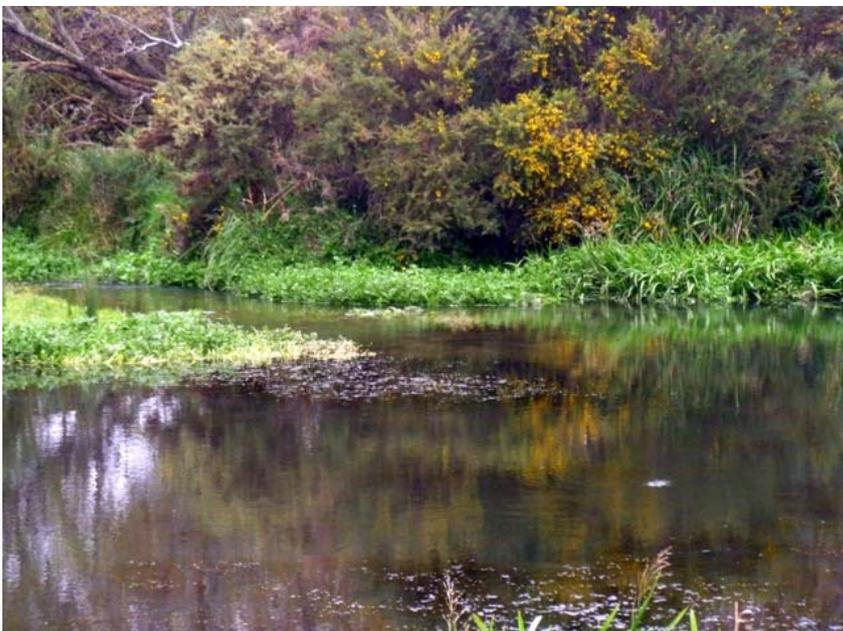


Tough conditions on the Mataura over the last 2 weeks with the river generally unfishable. Rain has flooded the river and just as it comes good we get some more! Earlier in the month there was still good hatches of Mayfly with fish keyed in to the hatch and responding well to the fly if you can figure out exactly what they want. Best options have been wee CDC collar emergers tied onto fine tip-pets. It is fantastic to see the fish come to fly and follow it down and generally refuse it because of micro drag but at times they feed voraciously and will take a fly held in the surface film. That seems to be the major key to success at this time of the year.



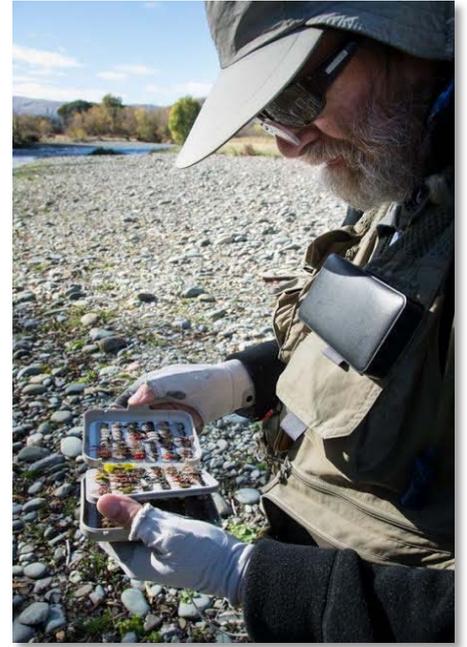
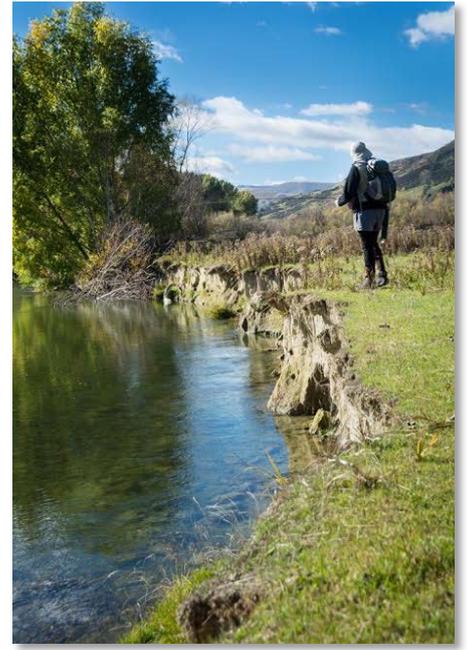
The condition overall of fish in the Mataura is excellent and just goes to show the biodiversity available. The strength of Mataura fish is also remarkable. Even a 2 lb trout can take off line and feels like a 7 lber.

I had some excellent fishing on the backwaters and gravel pits sight fishing and polaroiding some big trout. There are a few spots where I wait for trout to cruise past knowing that eventually they will. I call this doing an 'Issac Walton'. It is often worth the wait which can sometimes stretch to an hour but when you see a big brown coming towards you tailing in the shallows it does get the heart rate pumping.



I really enjoy this time of the year because all the overseas anglers have come and gone. The river becomes 'my' river again and all the local spots I fish are available at any given time. Don't get me wrong in comparison with many fishing destinations worldwide the issue of angler pressure in NZ especially in Southland is negligible. I don't mind sharing but it does give you a sense of ownership to have roughly 5 km of river that is yours and the local anglers respect that and have their own beats marked out where I rarely go even although one of the old timers gave me a key for access to his territory. Only in trout fishing heaven can it be any better than this!

April Lodge Trip vignette by Les Ladbrook



Fiordland Trip by Jarred Martin



I had a great trip into Fiordland a while back. Three days of stunning weather in an area that rains most days of the year, great luck! The sand flies were also rejoicing with the sunshine clearly buoying their appetites for man-blood.

The fishing was tough with conditions almost too perfect. We had a couple of good hatches in the evening which made things slightly easier. Plenty fish were seen, most of which were incredibly spooky or just flat ignored anything that was thrown at them. A few did succumb, mostly on lightly weighted nymphs or small parachute dries

End of High Country Season Lodge Trip

There is a Lodge trip on the 24th & 25th May. We will be heading up Friday night to allow an early get away Saturday morning. Rivers available for fishing are the Von, Upukerora, Whitestone (above Prospect Bridge), Eglinton and Waiau so there are plenty to choose from. Normally we share the food and petrol costs.

All welcome.

If you are interested contact

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Rod Holders by Rex Gibson (Canterbury Angling Club)

When I first recommenced fishing in the early 1990s I broke several rod tips, mostly on my longer surf rods. Rolling around in the car or the boot did not always meet their structural integrity requirements. On one occasion in the close environment of the shoulder-to-shoulder fishing into the surf at the Rakaia mouth a person "of low birth status" chopped the top off my rod as he wildly swung his 56 gram ticer in an arc before casting.

In those days an old friend, Joe Chidgey, did rod repairs. I was, of course, one of his regular customers. Eventually he asked something very obvious "Do you use rod holders?" Clearly I did not. I suggested that the shop models were beyond my budget. He laughed and stated that I should make my own.

I use polythene down piping from the local plumbers' supply firm in Papanui. Get the piping cut to about 100 mm more than your rod (disassembled) buy two caps and some suitable glue.

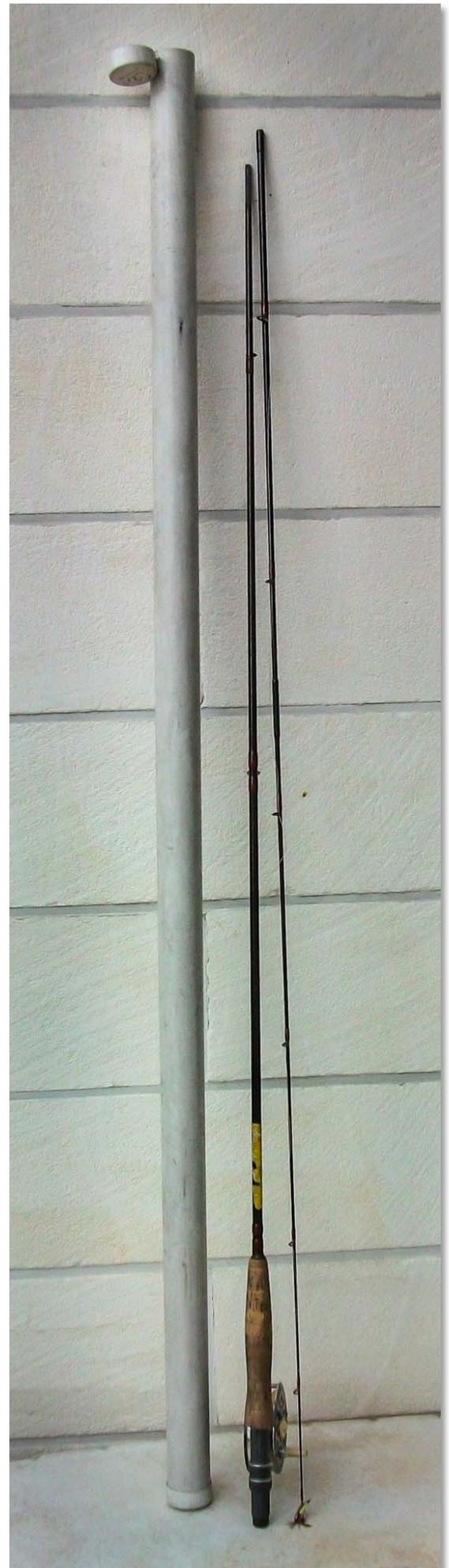
The caps and piping need to allow for the diameter of the two parts of the rod. A normal two piece 7 weight fly rod fits into a 44mm diameter down pipe and my two piece surf rod into an 88 mm pipe. The five weight travelling rod fits into a 40mm tube.

Glue one cap onto an end. Prior to this cut a circular piece of polystyrene or similar and pack it down into that sealed end. This ensures that when you drop the rod in, something is there to prevent damage to its end.

Drill a small hole about 50 mm from the other end, and another into the side of the cap. Through both tie a loop of 50 lb. breaking strain nylon. This acts like a hinge and stops the cap from getting lost when you remove it to get the rod out.

I don't believe in wasting time rigging up my rod every time that I want to fish, so I like to store the rod with reel attached (and the line threaded through too). To allow for this I check the width of the reel base and cut a section out from the "unglued" end; see photo. The fitted reel slots into this and once the cap is put in place the rod is secure.

Try making one yourself, or pay the astronomical prices that some retailers charge – It is your choice, but rod holders are a great investment. Not only do they save money but the car/truck looks tidier.



Fly Tying Competition—June Fly by Jarred Martin



The "Wee Muddler" makes a great cicada imitation. It floats like a cork (will support a decent weighted nymph if using dry-dropper set-up) and it's easy to see. It can be tied in different sizes in various colours to match different species of cicadas. If tied in bright colours it also makes a great attractor dry for early season rainbows.



Step 1 Select dry fly hook of your choice (Kamasan B170 size 10 in this case). Tie in ribbing material (ultra wire or similar), dub the back two-thirds of the shank with a buggy dubbing (hares-ear, pine squirrel, seals fur).



Step 2 Take a clump of deer hair, even up the tips and tie in front of the dubbing. Hold the tips to ensure they stay on the top of the dubbed body creating the wing. With a spare piece of wire tie the wing down-this will make trimming the head easier at a later stage.



Step 3 Take another clump of deer hair and tie in front of the wing allowing it to spin around the shank. Work the thread through the spun deer, tie off behind the eye and superglue thread head.



Step 4 Trim the deer hair to shape. The hair should be cut flush on the bottom to allow the fly to sit low in the water and not affect the hooking ability of the fly. Once finished trimming unwind the wire holding the wing down.

From the President by Dave Harris

Well the river season is pretty well over. Just a final fling with a Lodge trip to come on May 24th and 25th. Hopefully the rain over the last week or so will have encouraged the browns to enter the rivers from the lakes and will be waiting for us. It is time to look back over the past season and think about what we did well and what we didn't and what kit performed well and what didn't.

As usual for me, one item of kit I have been thinking about is boots. I have an issue with most of the wading boots on the market. My main issue (other than price) is sizing. During most of the season I wet wade and prefer to wear a single pair of woollen socks. Unfortunately my feet are quite narrow and I require a size US 9½ boot. No-one makes half sizes in wading boots and most are wide fitting with a little extra space for neoprene booties on waders. This means I need to purchase size US 10 but these are way too wide and even two pairs of socks I don't come close to filling the space. I also don't think most of these boots are designed for walking very far although Simms claim their Vapour boot is designed for extra miles and it looks to be the case (but it still won't fit).

For most of the past season I have been using sport safety boots (\$86 with the right discount) with some tungsten studs added. The soles of these boots are quite soft and don't have a great tread pattern to hold the studs as the blocks are not big enough as well as the soles being quite thin. However I was reasonably happy with them especially on my long distance trips in February although I did mess my feet up a bit on the Mavora trip. However at the end of April I changed back to an old (several years old) pair of LL Bean wading boots. These boots had studded aqua stealth soles and are a narrow fit, but being size US 10 I was able to wear them with neoprene socks along with my woollen socks (the water was starting to get cold). Clearly I was warmer with the neoprene socks but the most noticeable difference was the additional grip provided by the studded aquastealth soles on the Mataura stones. Most of the season this didn't appear to be a problem but that was probably good luck and helped by the river conditions through the season.

What do I do for next season? Well the old LL Bean boots will probably do a few more trips so should cover the period at the start of the season when I need neoprene socks and the safety boots are still usable but are suffering a bit as they are not designed to be wet all the time and they dry very slowly so don't usually dry between trips. One thing I am not going to do is pay the overly high price asked for a pair heavy wading boots that are just too big. I need something that fits and is capable of being used for longer distances. I still have some research to do.

On a different subject, with the rivers being closed it is time to think about tying flies for next season. We have a couple of fly tying days coming up, June 14th and July 19th, both at Fish and Game in North Road. Tying starts at 9:00am both days. New tyers are welcome and there will be some experienced tyers on hand to help out. If you are interested but don't have any tying gear come along anyway as the Club has sets of tying gear you can use. Even if you can't make it at 9:00am, we will be there all day so you can pop in for an hour or two anytime. Hopefully we will see you there tying your own flies, cheaper and more fun than buying them. I have a few flies I use that I am getting short of so I will be concentrating on these during these fly tying days.

Name This Stream Competition

Last months photo of a stream brought no response.

Answers by email only please to service@eis.co.nz

Correct answers will be placed in a draw for a \$30

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If you have a photo of a Southland stream you would like to include in the competition please email the Editor.



Coming Events

24-25th May		Lodge Trip – End of Season run
27th May	[MM]	
3rd June	(CM)	Fly Tying
14th June		Fly Tying for club members by club members - Meal at night, (\$5 funny gift)
24th June	[MM]	Members Video & Photo night plus photo competition
1st July	(CM)	Fly tying
19th July		Fly tying day – Fish and Game 9:00am

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Club items for sale

Metal Badges \$15 ea.



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Club Meetings

The club meets at 7:30pm on the last Tuesday of each month (except December) at the Fish & Game building, 159 North Road Invercargill. [The February meeting is on the river.](#)

Executive Committee meets on the first Tuesday of the month following the general meeting, except for Dec/Jan, includes fly tying, so come along and bring your gear if you want help with a fly—all members welcome.

Club Resources

The club has an extensive library of Books and Videos, contact the Librarian, Jarred Martin.

A blow up Rubber Boat and a set of five Radio's, which can be borrowed by club members, contact Les Ladbrook.

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