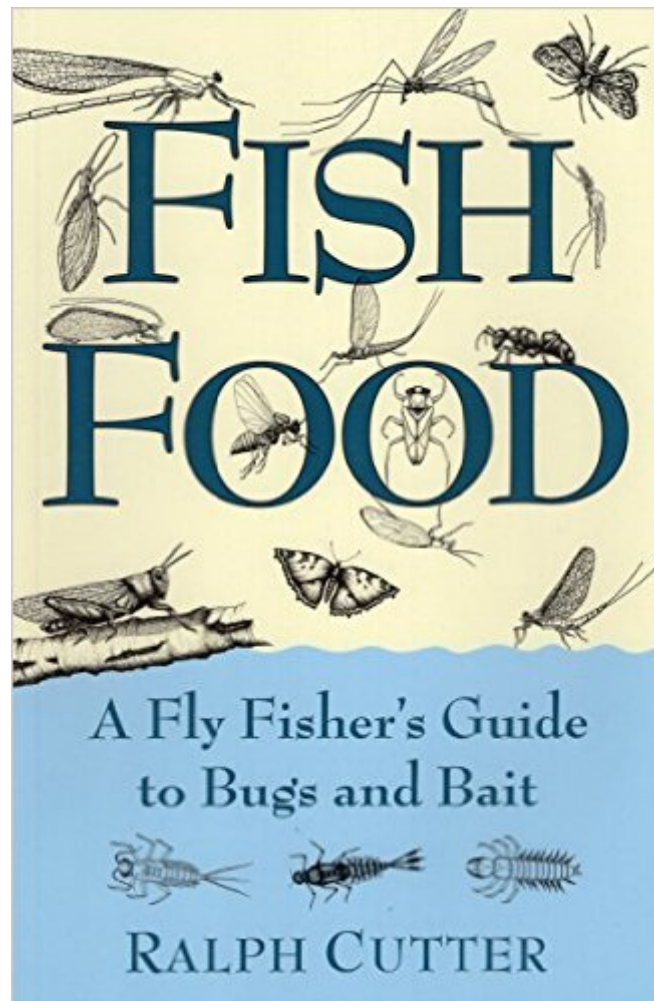


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# Fish Food: A Fly Fisher's Guide To Bugs And Bait



## Synopsis

A thorough examination of the foods trout eat, by a master of observation and adaptation whose curiosity has led to innovations in fly design and angling techniques. Covers specific trout foods such as blue-winged olives, caddis, damselflies, scuds, and ants, and general information, including insect life cycles and taxonomy. Rather than accepting point-blank the traditional views of insect hatches, the author has donned his snorkeling gear and studied species underwater, adapting his fishing to reflect his findings.

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Ralph Cutter has written a book useful for the beginning to expert flyfisherman. His credentials as a former flyfishing guide, flytier and snorkeling observer of trout behavior add to the utility of what he has to say about what trout like. While I haven't had the resounding success with the Birdnest fly, I'll keep trying. This book is a necessary addition to the flyfishing library for anyone interested in understanding more about this advocacy.

I'm a neophyte fly fisherman and daunted (albeit fascinated) by aquatic entomology. Cutter's book is fantastic. He covers the bases in a humorous fashion, with a perspective not present in other books I've read. He challenges a lot of orthodox ideas and puts you in a trout's-eye-view that leaves you looking at a familiar stream a bit differently. A really enjoyable read. In fact, I was officially deemed a 'dork' when my wife caught me laughing out-loud while reading a book about bugs...

Can't say enough about Cutters new book. I have read a lot of books on fly fishing looking for one that cuts through the mumbo jumbo and this book does just that. It simplifies the whole process of fly selection and whats going on out there on the river. I have since mastered tying the Birds Nest and have eliminated so many other patterns. This book is a must read over and over book for anyone who loves fly fishing.

When I ordered this book I expected a typical book describing insects and how to match the hatch. This book does this but in a unique way. It uses short chapters to explain a particular subject or problem and how it is solved. I am an entomologist and this little book contained some new insights into aquatic insect behavior and how to catch fish. The author is very observant and works hard to solve fishing challenges.

It is by Ralph Cutter, the man who goes underwater to see what the foods look and behave like in their environment. This is a great read, especially for aquatic entomologists and fly fishers. Though there is science in it, Cutter writes with enthusiasm, infectious joy and new revelations which debunk some of the old beliefs about fish foods; golden stones that pop to the surface mid-stream are not hatching, they are returning from laying their eggs.

A great read. This book is a great resource for fishing certain bugs. You can read a short chapter in a short amount of time. Ralph Cutter writes so one can understand his techniques, yet doesn't compromise the technical aspects. Like the "Go To Fly", this is my new "Go To Book" for learning how to fish certain bugs.

As a fly-fisher who is well familiar with the Cutters and their excellent work, I've always wanted a copy of this book. It's entertaining reading and chock full of information on the bugs of our western streams and rivers. I think my fly tying will benefit from the information I'm getting from this book and from the Hatch Guide for Western Streams

Great book! I really liked Cutter's humor and incite in presenting his take on the fish food creatures that inhabit our waters. For once I didn't get bogged down with scientific names and put the book down. Using his underwater experiences, he was able to provide many helpful ideas on types of flies and how to present them to trout. I would have never thought of using floatants on nymphs to trap air bubbles. I guess it's time to tie a bunch of Bird's Nests and head to my favorite river.

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