

Insects of the Tennessee Valley Tailwaters

Species	Common Name	Size	Emergence
Baetis, sp.	"Blue winged Olive"	24	Late Summer/Fall
Baetis vagans	"Blue winged Olive"	18	March, Apr/Oct., Nov.
Paraleptophlebia, sp.	"Blue Quill"	16-18	Late Feb. through Apr.
Drunella, sp.	"Blue winged Olive"	16-20	Spring
E. subvaria	"Hendrickson"	14-16	Spring
E. rotunda	"Lt. Hendrickson"	14	Late Spring
E. invaria	"Sulphur"	16	Late Spring through Fall
E. dorothea	"Pale Evening Dun"	18	Early Summer
Simulium, sp.	"Blackfly"	22-24	mid-Winter/Late Spring
Diptera, sp.	"Midge", all colors	18-28	all season
Diptera, sp.	"Crane fly"	16-18	Spring through Fall
Cheumatopsyche, sp.	"Little Olive Caddis"	18-22	Spring/Fall
Neophlax, sp.	"Little Dot Wing Sedge"	18	Spring/Fall
Microsema scotti	"Little Black Caddis"	18-20	Spring-Sum/Fall
Hydroptila, sp.	"Microcaddis"	22-28	Spring-Sum/Fall
Protopila, sp.	"Microcaddis"	22-28	Late Spring/Late Fall
Hydropsyche, sp.	"Cinnamon Sedge"	16-18	Spring/Fall
Brachycentrus lateralis	"Black Caddis"	18	Spring/Fall
Glossosoma nigrior	"Black Caddis"	18-20	Spring/Fall
Dolophilodes distinctus	"Black Caddis"	18-20	Spring/Fall
Amphinemura, sp.	"Little Black Stone"	16-18	Late Fall/Late Winter

Notes

This chart contains those insects commonly found on TVA tailwaters; some are important on all streams while others may only have local significance.

The above listing is not intended to be an all inclusive list of insects, but those known to cause fishable hatches. Remember that rivers, even regulated ones, are dynamic in nature. The intensity of a known hatch will vary from river to river, and season to season.

The weather usually dictates the beginning of the E. invaria emergence. Given normal weather/stream conditions, this hatch will begin in earnest the last week in April or first week in May. A cold winter/spring will mean lower water temperatures which will translate into later hatches, while a warm spring can result in some earlier hatching. The E. invaria emergence continues into late Fall on some of the eastern Tennessee streams.

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