



## Casting & Cocktails

On September 6th, we hosted a Casting & Cocktails event at Red Rocks Country Club. Our guest list included Fly of the Month Club members, friends, and members of Red Rocks Country Club who all joined us for an evening of fly fishing instruction, cocktails, and some summertime fun. The instructors, led by Jonathan Walter, a FFI Certified Master Casting Instructor, worked with all skill levels on casting, accuracy, and distance. In the mix of casting, guests enjoyed cocktails, appetizers, and mingling with our team. Our Fly of the Month Club will be hosting other events in the future. We will keep you updated on these events via email and this brochure and hope to see you at the next one!



## Fly of the Month • September 2017

Each day of fly fishing presents us with new experiences and challenges. To be successful, we must be observant of the different factors that will impact our day and how successful we will be. This month, Peter Stitcher with Ascent Fly Fishing, begins a series focusing on the various species of trout, with this month being brown trout. For the next several months Peter will share the unique characteristics of each species and how you can be more effective in your pursuit of them.

As we have discussed before, there are many parallels between fly fishing and financial planning, both which are passions of ours at Wambolt & Associates. I encourage you to view your financial goals and objectives in the same manner as you approach the river each outing. Assess the conditions and your surroundings so you know what you need to address to be successful. At times you might need to hire a guide to teach you a skill or show you a new stretch of water. The same can apply for your finances. Perhaps you need help with your investments, taxes, insurance, or all of them, with a comprehensive financial plan. This will help you reach your goals, allowing you more time to fly fish. If you are struggling with any financial questions or concerns please contact us, we are here to help and get you back on track. Happy fly fishing and tight lines!

*Matt Blake, Senior Wealth Management Advisor*



13976 W. Bowles Avenue, Suite 200, Littleton, CO 80127 • 720.962.6700

## FLY OF THE MONTH • PARACHUTE RED QUILL • Size 14

A common name used in reference to a number of mayfly species, the Parachute Red Quill is a fly that can be used to match a number of species spanning the US during the spring, summer, and fall. Used to match the dun just out of the water for some species, or the spinner counting down its final minutes for other mayfly species, this pattern is a must have for fine tuning your match of the hatch wherever you end up fishing!

**Dry/Wet:** Dry

**Fly Category:** Generalist Pattern

**Family:** Mayfly

**Species:** Red Quill, Pale Morning Dun, Hendrickson, Blue Dun, Sulphur Dun

**Life Stage:** Adult



## Trout Smart Series: Part 1 of Brown Trout

Peter Stichter - Ascent Fly Fishing

What is fly fishing if not a childlike game of war? We maneuver and position, count off our successful campaigns in the notches scratched into the cork of our rod, and then each return to our respective homes in time for dinner. Like in war however, the one who claims victory at the end of the day is the one who knows their opponent best. In Sun Tzu's 5th century tome of military strategy, the

Art of War, he repeatedly states the importance of knowing your opponent, understanding their motivations,

where they take refuge, how to lure them from cover, and how to turn their arrogance and strength against them. *The Trout Smart*

*Series* is the angler's guide into the mind of the trout. Species by species, we will break down the intricacies of brown, brook, rainbow, and cutthroat trout, allowing you to successfully battle with each in turn, until you will need to replace the cork on your rods for all the victory notches that have been added.

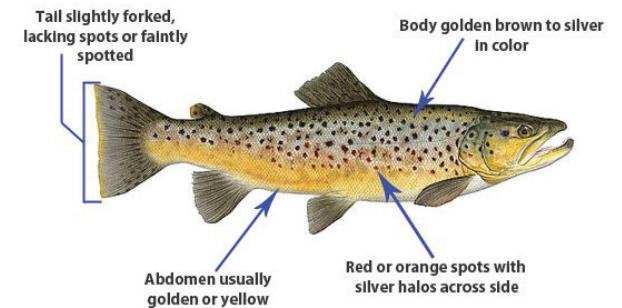
Left: Photo by Mark Jessop of Troutfin Studio



## Identifying Characteristics:

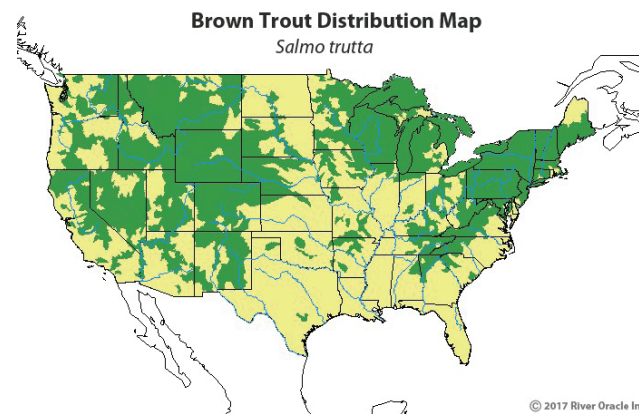
Perfectly camouflaged for the shadowy depths and algae-covered river bottoms where they lurk, the back and sides of the brown trout vary in color from golden brown to dark silver. The abdomen of this species is a light gold to yellow, while the flanks of the fish are spotted with red to orange dots surrounded by light silver halos. The tail of the brown is slightly forked and is either void of spotting or faintly spotted.

## Identifying Brown Trout



© 2017 River Oracle Inc.

## Range & Habitat:



© 2017 River Oracle Inc.

Native to Europe, Central Asia, Scandinavia, and Northern Africa, the Brown trout (*Salmo trutta*) was first introduced to the United States in 1884 when it was stocked in the Baldwin River in Michigan. The popularity of the brown as a sporting fish saw it quickly spread across the US with reproducing or stocking supplemented populations being found in all but three states.

Among the trout and salmon species found in the US, brown trout are among the most reclusive. Preferring the deep and most sheltered sections of the river, brown trout can typically be found in the head to middle sections of pools, deep undercut banks, or tucked in close to large cover such as boulders, tree snags and root wads. It is from these points of relative safety and seclusion that the brown trout spend the daytime hours, allowing them to rocket from cover to take a piece of food before retreating back to their haunts. As the sun sinks in the evening, the trout will rise in the water column, cruising the shallows in search of larger prey through the night.