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FEEDING FRENZY  
Talking to Myself  
The Glut  
Binge Feeding  
Blizzard Hatch  
Too Many Flies

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These flies are of the species called numerosus, by no coincidence, and the your trout could have taken one of a hundred naturals.

But maybe you learned something. The trout like real caddisflies because they slide down easier than the kind with hooks.

(Second Person)

It's about time. Last winter you tied flies to match the numerosus hatch in all its stages and now you are surrounded by a million insects and a hundred rising fish.

That brown trout slashed at a caddisfly hopping on the surface. Try a skittering sedge.

Okay, so he doesn't want fast food. Settle down. Tie on a good old elk-hair caddis.

No good. The trout looks like he's surface-feeding but maybe he's following pupae up from the bottom and grabbing them in the surface film. Try a partridge-hackle emerger.

Missed! Or maybe not. Maybe that old brown took a real fly right next to yours. Tie on a bead-head pupa and let it sink and then pull it up in front of the fish.

Doesn't work. Nothing works. Why would a trout take your fly when he has his choice of a hundred naturals?

The bugs love you, anyhow. Look at all the caddisfly egg sacs on your waders.

Yicch! You opened your mouth at the wrong time. But maybe you learned something. The trout are taking real flies because they taste better than yours.

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