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Oregon Spring Creeks/By Glenn Zinkus & John Shewey



An angler fishes nymphs through a deep slot on the Metolius River. Such places offer midday action when there are no rising fish.



A southern Oregon Black Drake (Siphonurus)



Small spring creeks can hold big surprises.



Yamsi Ranch, www.yamsifyfishing.com, offers anglers a chance to fish one of Oregon's most amazing wild-trout fisheries on the upper Williamson River, which bubbles to life from mountain springs.



Ubiquitous and garrulous red-winged blackbirds are constant companions to anglers fishing spring creeks.



During late summer and early autumn, many spring creeks offer excellent hopper fishing. This colorful brown trout hammered a Dick Winter-designed hopper pattern.

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Of the three species of teal that nest in Oregon, the cinnamon teal is the most common on the spring creeks of the eastern and central part of the state.



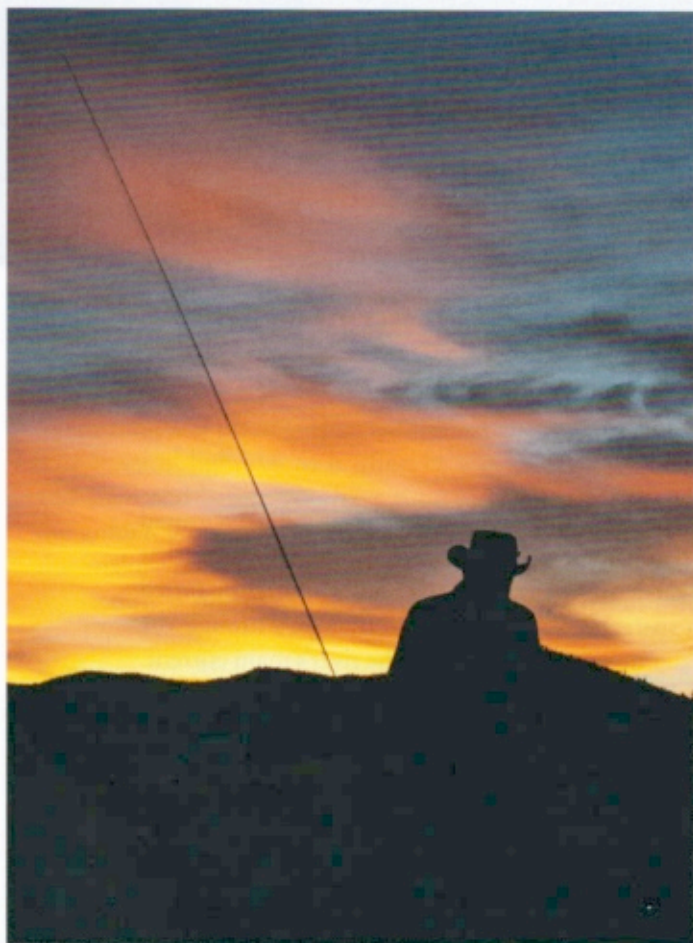
The Metolius River is Oregon's most accessible and well-known spring-fed river. Here an angler crouches low and uses the meadow grass to hide while casting to skittish trout.



While they rarely grow as large as browns and 'bows, brook trout are a welcome catch owing to their gorgeous colors.



Small spring creeks like this one in southern Oregon often have deeply undercut banks. Heavy footsteps atop those banks can spook trout, so anglers should stay back and cast over the grass.



A fantastic end to the day with a sun-painted sky



Classic spring creek patterns are timeless. Dick Winter's Black Drake Duns are highly prized by anglers fishing Klamath country Black Drake hatches.

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