

July 9, 1944 #1

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Harold Fushley & I went to Parachuella above
Carlos, San Miguel Co, N.M. We collected
aquatic insects & went up ~~the~~ to Horsethief meadows for
brook trout.

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Horsethief creek at this point is a small brook
3-5 feet wide with riffles about 3 inches deep, and
pools ranging up to 18 inches deep although most were
less than 1 foot. The bottom is of light colored
coarse sand and fine granitic gravel in the pools,
rubble in the riffle. Current moderate to strong,
no vegetation. Cover and shelter good. Water clear.
Trout were difficult to seine even when they were
seen to be in a pool. The young especially
eluded the net. Several of the larger specimens and
all the fingerlings were taken in the seine. The
remainder were taken on dry flies. It rained
slightly after I arrived at the meadows. At first
they took the fly fairly well ~~fast~~, and with
vigilance, later they were more delicate in their
feeding.

Occasional pools were picked on the way

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lock. Only speckled trout were taken until the Pauchuela (flow junction of Horsechief and Puro creeks) was reached.

Cut-throats were taken in the lower Horsechief in 1940.39

One of the C.T. taken was a male, dead ripe.

Some of the trout were saved for eating. After a fair series of specimens was attained, every other trout over legal size (175 mm) went into the creel.