

## Fly Fishing Jargon

The jargon commonly used by fishermen and tackle dealers can seem like a different language to beginners. We have given definitions to some of these terms and hope this helps them to gain a better understanding when listening to more experienced anglers speaking about their obsession.

<b>Word or Expression</b>	<b>Brief Definition or Explanation</b>
Beat	Path taken by a cruising fish
Bomb	Heavy nymph used as a sinker to fish deep water
Bulging	Feeding on Emergers just under the surface
CDC	Cul de Canard. Soft, oily feather from rump of a duck
Cruiser	Trout swimming and feeding in slow water
Dead Drift	Natural presentation of a fly without drag
Drag	Unnatural fly movement caused by current action on line
Drop-off	Point at the head of pool where depth increases suddenly
Dropped (a fish)	Hooked, but then lost a fish before landing it.
Dropper	A secondary line attached to the main line
Dry Fly	A fly that floats when fished properly
Emerger	Stage in development between nymph and flying insect
Furled Leader	Leader of tapered construction made by twisting monofil
Larva (e)	Subsurface stage of some aquatic insects e.g. Caddis
Leader	The nylon or copolymer section between fly line and flies.
Limit	Regulation daily bag limit for a river or lake
Lure	Large wet fly, also a spinning lure
Mend	Reposition the fly line on the water to minimise drag.
Nymph	Subsurface stage of aquatic insect. See Larva
Nymphing	Trout feeding on nymphs. Angler using nymph artificial.

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Otolith	Bone from inside the ear of a fish. Used for research.
Paradise Duck (pair)	Fisherman's curse
Picked up (fish)	Hooked and landed a fish.
Riffle	Shallow broken water between pools
Rig	Terminal tackle, including trace or leader. A small shark.
Run	Relatively fast, deep water between pools
Strip	Retrieve line quickly by hand without using the reel
Tippet	Fine end of leader attached to fly.
Truck and Trailer	Inline method of tying tippet and 2nd fly to bend of (fly) hook.
Wet Fly	Fly which will sink below the surface when fished correctly.

Now you can speak like a fisho so get out and practice, your fishing, that is.