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One hot summer's day, my family and I went on a fishing adventure. We saw some goats and blue ducks with ducklings.

My Dad loves trout fishing and he taught me how to fish when I was little. This brown trout was the second fish I have caught on a flyrod. Dad spotted it sitting in the shallow, clear water; we thought we would have spooked it because it was so shallow and clear but we didn't. We slowly walked back to a big log and made a plan.

I snuck down to the water's edge, cast a few times and placed the fly a few metres in front of him. He was hungry!!! He took the fly but then . . . the fly was back out of his mouth and in the air again! I couldn't believe it, I'd fluffed it.

Next thing Dad says, "He's still there. Try again." So I cast again and watched carefully this time. I saw his big white mouth open wide and gobble the fly....STRIKE! The tension on the line was a good feeling. He raced down to another deep pool and my Dad got the net ready, I walked backwards and kept the line tight. Dad netted it head first for me and it was landed!

It was such a great feeling landing a beautiful brown trout like this and it was cool that my whole family was there to see it.

Thanks Dad for teaching me to flyfish.

Henry Jones 9





An interesting place to hook a fish . . .

MEMORABLE BATTLES

By Les Hill





Autumn means mayfly hatches and there's no better place for mayflies than the famous Mataura River in Southland. I had a difficult day fishing the river on one gloomy mid-Summer's day and this article may help those visiting the river this issue . . .

Mataura Lessons with Merv

By Nick Moody

