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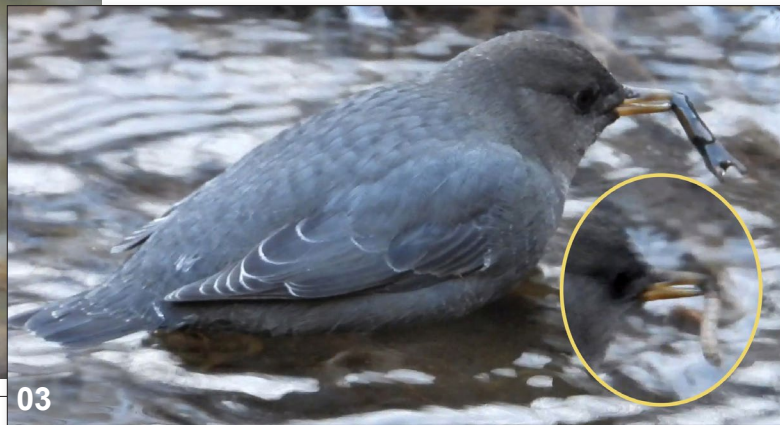
Friday, predicted to be last of our clean blue days. Asked Bess if I could bail on our weekly staff walk cause i'd blown it for basin-scanning on past 2 sunny days due to ill-timed zoom commitments. She texted back that i had her & Kelly's blessing to go goating :)

03 Dipper But first, passing through Δwellfield for an apron-search, I was detained by hinyikl'eixi, *dancer in water*. Video was so beautiful I loaded it to a [content page on JuneauNature](#).

04 Shucking Interval between 'cased' shot and inset of sleeve-shucked larva is 11 frames. At 30 fps, only a third of a second to expose the fatty prize, then another quarter-second to swallow.

Sent the link to Bob Armstrong and John Hudson, for their thoughts on prey. John replied:

"Considering the super high densities that these case-"protected" caddisflies occur at, dippers can certainly afford to spend a lot of time preening. I'd have to have one of those larvae under the scope for an ID."





06 Color-range My dipper video to date has been distant and monochrome. So many birds (and landscapes for that matter) can seem staid and monochrome, especially by standards of say, wood ducks, or New England fall color. But that's all, really, just a matter of scale. Slate and ochre transmogrify on framefilled *Cinclus*.

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