

## FANTASY DAY REPORT FROM NEW ZEALAND

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Scott Ellison has been globe hopping the last several months. It started with the Amazon and Peacock Bass in December (Scott accompanied us on our exploratory trip to the Amazon). Since then it's been Chile, Africa, and Australia with a short stop in New Zealand. While in New Zealand in March, he only had four days to fish. The first three days he encountered some bad weather, but "nailed some excellent trout after initially stuffing some casts the first time I came face to face with those New Zealand monsters." Then came his last day and the sort of experience that only happens in NZ. A true fantasy fly fishing day – the sort of day fly fishers hope to encounter at least once on a visit to this stunning country. It goes like this:

"On my final day....we headed to the backcountry and my game was dialed in. The result? Nine beauties. All bigger than 4 pounds. All sight casts. All on dries. And that doesn't include the proverbial one that got away.....one that was well north of 10 pounds that broke off right at the landing."

Now Scott is in the same category as most New Zealand travelers – his trout fishing expectancies are screwed up for life.

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