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Kid,

False Albacore (AKA "Little Tunny," "Albies," "Fat Albert," "Bonito" etc) are held in different esteem depending on where you are. In the northeast, they're held in very high regard, esp by FFers and are widely targeted from Cape Cod down to NC. They don't grow as large as stripers but pound for pound fight harder making long runs into backing (something most stripers won't do, even the big ones). Albies are fast moving schooling fish and are usually targeted when they're actively feeding on the surface. When fish are breaking the surface or "blitzing" it's often best to cast a fly toward the edge of the mass of fish and splashing.

Down in FL False Albacore are usually called "bonito." This is technically incorrect as the Atlantic Bonito is a different, although similar, gamefish. Although they fight just as hard in FL, folks down there regard them largely as trash fish. I guess folks down there have so many glamour fish to choose from that a great fighter like the False Albacore (and Great Barracuda, Jack Crevalle etc) aren't considered worth the time and better put to use as shark bait.