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I grew up on the warm water stream that was the outlet of a small lake in Erie County. Carp were among the first fish I hooked on a fly that I tied myself. They used to queue up under the overhanging willows and suck up inchworms when they were on, usually in mid-June. I would tie up a handful of green chenille inchworms and go after them by finding a pod of feeders and bopping risers on the nose with the fly. I fished with an 8 1/2 foot Western Auto (Revelation) fly rod balanced for an HCH (7 weight) line. I usually hooked 20 or 30 a year and would land maybe 2.

I hook a fair number (maybe 8 or 10 a year) of carp incidentally when I'm fishing for smallmouth in the rivers of southeast/southcentral WI. Almost all of them come to a size 6 all black rabbit fur leech that I favor for bass that I cast and sort of work real slow along the shallow shaded banks where the bass are prone to hang out.

They're a riot. Like hooking a school bus..