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Let me start off by saying that I would never discount all of the above information, because it's all good. I will tell you what I have been able to figure out this summer season on the section of the Yough River that my wife and I fish with our yaks. When we go out I rig a couple spinning rods, a baitcaster and a 6wt. fly rod and what we like to do is find a known hotspot that we have caught fish from before or even if it's a new unknown likely hotspot, we start throwing a curly tail jig on one rod and maybe a swimbait on another. If we start banging fish on say the ctj, I will tie on a fly that closely resembles the color, size and most importantly, the sink rate of that pattern. For some reason the usual faire has been a pumkinseed with brown flecks curly tail on an 1/8 oz. Jig head. The clousers and top water offerings have produced poorly for me this season and I am not a purist when it comes to fly fishing for bass, so I tie patterns that mimic the hardware that can catch fish on a regular basis and so far, it has served me well. I take a 60 degree keel hook and slide a medium size Jiggy head on with 5 turns of .25 lead jammed inside, tie on a curly tail (the fly shop kind) and palmer a cross cut olive rabbit strip for a body. Simple, yet so far, VERY Effective.

P.S. The Hairy Fodder is another smallmouth fly pattern worth playing around with as well because there are endless variations to match the hatch, as they say.

Jeff