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My favorite smallmouth flies are:

Fur leeches in all black, dark brown and occasionally in olive in sizes 4-8 (Mustad 9672). Black is by far the best producer, IMO.

Murray Strymphs, again in black, brown and olive and in the same sizes as the leeches above. Dark Brown and Black seem to produce equally well for me.

Murray Hellgrammites in 2-8.

All the flies above (again IMO) are at their best when they are NOT actively retrieved, but rather allowed to drift very slowly past instream cover. I simply try and move them fast enough (by simply lifting the rod slowly..) to keep them off the bottom. Takes with this sort of fishing are pretty subtle, but you get the hang of it fairly quickly.

I also use Clousers (particularlry in water that is a little off-color) Clouser crawdads in rust, olive and tan, an occasional tan or olive bugger, Shenk's minnow and Waterman's Silver Outcast streamers (a charley waterman variant on a silver doctor that was in one of Harry Murray's books. But for my money, the dark leeches and stryymphs outfish any of these flies by a considerable margin.

Two flies I'm pretty high on over the past few years are Tim Holschlag's Hackle Fly

<http://www.warmwaterflytyer.com/patterns6.asp?page=2>

and this Estaz minnow I found at Riversmallies.com (actually another Harry Murray fly called the Marauder)

http://riversmallies.com/flyes/murray_marauder.html

I use poppers in low light periods, but they too (for me at at rate) do not produce the numbers or size of bass I catch on the leeches and stryymphs. I believe smallmouth poppers need to be one size smaller than what you think they should be.