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From all my experiences, I don't really need an indicator, as I can see when the carp takes it. I have never tried it, but I don't think they would really help. The take is just so subtle. Who knows?

I usually stay on the bank. It gives me a higher vantage point, and they are less likely to spook. Sometimes when the water is really shallow I will get in, because I think wading adds a whole other dimension of difficulty, and spotting carp in the shallow water is much easier. Where I fish shallow means a foot or less, like on gravel bars. I've tried wading for carp in three foot murky water and its just horrible. All you see is a big swirl of mud at your feet where the carp have bolted off. If you want to wade, you have to go very slow.

I approach my target walking against the current when I am wading. When I am stalking from shore, I walk up and down the banks. Personally, I think it's desirable to have the carp facing away from you, but honestly I doubt it matters all that much. What I base my approach more on is the angle of the sun. It is so important to try to get the sun behind you to prevent excessive glare on the water.

Another great fly I forgot to mention is the fleeing crayfish, in the smallest size you can find.

If you don't mind me asking, what stream do you fish? A 40 inch carp is way bigger than any carp I've caught on the fly. My biggest was only 30 inches. If the stream has any obstructions or snags whatsoever, you may want to consider something more that a 5 wt. I once hooked into a 33 inch carp on conventional tackle, and with 8 lb line on a 3000 reel the thing came super close to spooling me on the first run.

I hope this help, and wish you the best of luck catching you first carp!