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Hi All-
I'm new to this board and hoping I can share some quality information and encouragement like those of you already here have done. But today, I'm asking for some advice too.

After spending the last several years crankin' lures on an ultra-light for smallmouth bass on the non-tidal middle Delaware R (mostly Bucks and Northampton counties), I'm ready for a transition back to fly fishing (I used to fly fish small-stream trout). The rod I'll be using for these smallmouth bass is a none-too-fancy 9-foot 6 wt.

I think I've done a fair job searching the web, including these www.paflyfish.com forums, looking for some local productive patterns and have compiled a short list (included below). I've been working on tying these warm water patterns, but I do have some reservations about investing too much time & $$ on any of these, since I haven't tested them, they were basically gathered from sources unfamiliar to me, and not necessarily local favorites.

I'd be very happy to hear from any of you about recommended *sizes* as well as *pattern* choices/variations to start with, for my stretch of water. The bulk of my tying is on hooks sized 4 through 10, with an occasional 2 or 12.

So, here's my list. Let me know what you think. By the way, I live in lower Bucks Co., and I'm planing on attending the Delaware Valley Flyfishers meeting on Feb. 27, at the Silver Lake nature center in Bristol, PA. If anyone on the list is a member, I'm looking forward to meeting you. If not, then maybe out on the river!

Thanks! and best regards-
Wayne

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Delaware River Smallmouth Bass Fly List

Poppers:
I never built them before so I'm beggin' for some tips!

Streamers:
Pike variant (black over red rabbit strips with eyes)
Crawfish (rust to tan- squirrel, deer and goose)
Muddler Minnow (natural or olive w/yellow flash)
Clouser Minnow (black Zonker (natural or yellow/chartrues)
Simple Smelt

Nypmhs & Bottom Bouncers:

Hares Ear (w/wo gold ribbed, w/wo bead head)

Kaufmann Stonefly (black, brown, or golden, w/hackle no wingcase)

Hellgrammite (traditional)

Prince/Martinez nymph (white or slate wing case)

Wooly Bugger/Worm (black or olive brown body, blue dun hackle, w/ red, white, black or yellow/chartreus tail of marabou or coarse hair)