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Re: LM Bass go to fly?
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Fever,
Your hunch that LMs don't see many flies and would be susceptible to them for this reason is probably correct. I don't fish pond/lake LMs as much as river SMs, however, I've found fly fishing very effective for LMs *if you're fishing from a boat and when fish can be found shallow.* With respect to flies, I'd get a handful of generic poppers and streamers. If you look at Sandly's pics, his "senkos" have weed guards. You'll need (obviously) weedless flies if you're fishing in weedy cover, which is likely. Just a simple rabbit strip tied to a hook with a wire weed guard will work. I recommend black for stained water and olive or gray for clear. I'd also recommend flies without weight as you'll be picking pockets in weeds and a light fly will wiggle in the water column longer than a heavy one which will drop into the weeds. Such lightweight flies are a real advantage to flies over lures in this game. Finally, in my experience, pond LMs eat a lot of nymphs. If you're targeting small bass in shallow water - and the water isn't too weedy - try some nymphs (any pattern will work) that are about 1-2 inches in length. Fish 'em slowly under a big strike indicator - a bobber basically - along shoreline cover.
Don't use light tippet - stick with 12-14lb line; 20lb if they're in weeds.