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Re: Tenkara, now everybody will want one

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Quote:

TimMurphy wrote:

Dear Frequent flyer,

I didn't watch the video so I'm not criticizing the people who use Tenkara rods.

I will say that they aren't significantly different from an Uncle Buck's 10 foot telescopic Crappie pole. Maybe the materials are a bit more pricey and higher tech, but the concept is undeniably the same. You sling your lure, fly or bait out in front of the fish and you lift up and bring them in when they bite. That's it!

Put a 9 or 12 foot knotless extruded leader on one of those Uncle Buck's rods and you can do the same things for less than \$ 20.00.

I know that to be true because I've done it, though it has been years since I've dug the old crappie pole out of the corner of the garage.

Regards,

Tim Murphy 😊

Tim,

I'm finding myself in the odd position of defending something I really don't want to defend. You may be absolutely 100% correct that you can do the same thing with and Uncle Buck rod. My point is that the rods are different. I just mic'd the end of my tenkara rod and it is 30 thousandths of an inch in diameter. That is really pretty thin by fly rod standards, and if you know anything about rod tapers you would have to admit that it would behave differently. Not better, just different. I would be interested in knowing the diameter of the Uncle Buck tip to see how it compares.

As an aside, that is the first time the rod has been out of its tube in about 2 years. So I am not a member of the cult. I just think that if you are going to say something is the same as something else, there should be some evidence that the things are actually the same. If I said that you can throw some guides and a reel seat on that Uncle Buck and it will be the same as a Sage, folks would probably disagree.

Mike.