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Re: Flat fishing Sth Fla & Cancun

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Truth be told, there are so many fishing options in south FL you can have all kinds of fun as others have pointed out in this thread. So many fish - so little time! FFing for the glamour species gets all the print but there are many, many other options that will probably see you doing a lot more catching.

FI is spot on here. From what I'm reading I wouldn't suggest targeting bonefish around where you are in Fla. You'll have to travel further than you're planning and even at that it is difficult for an experienced angler to do well in the Keys. That said, I've never gone for bonefish...

I've fished a good bit near Delray in the past few years...to the north mainly between Jupiter and Fort Pierce.

There are plenty of opportunities here inshore and off.

A huge factor here is if you will be using a boat. If you have access to any sort of boat, or plan on renting, you should be able DIY on the ICW/inshore rivers. [purist cover your eyes] If you're worried about your casting skills, you can buy a box of glass minnows to use as chum...the fish will be all around your boat.

If you can only wade then I would suggest maybe getting a guide. This involves spotting and casting to fish usually, and can be difficult to learn on your own unless you have a lot of time on your hands. I know a guide out of Stuart but I'm not sure if she still taking any new client, if not I could get you some references.

When are you planning on being there?

Right now it is still good for snook, tarpon, and bonito but should start to fade in September as the temps start to drop. In the fall and into winter there will still be ladyfish, jacks, trout, mackerel...these fish smash flies! The locals often see these as trash fish (well at least the ladies and jacks that aren't edible) but they are great sport...