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I have been hearing about a non native fish, the snake head that has established itself in a series of urban ponds in FDR Park in Philadelphia so I thought I'd go check it out today. This is a series of 5 interconnected ponds that vary in size from 1/4 acre to the largest which is probably 2 acres. These are shallow, algae filled warm water ponds that are said to contain sunfish, carp, bass, catfish and these snakeheads that have begun eating their way across the food chain. Anyway, because of the shallow water and algae I was limited to top water fishing with poppers, sliders, hoppers because even my unweighted small streamers/wolly buggers kept collecting algae. I caught a few sunnies and a small bass but I did see 2 large carp and a 12-13 inch snakehead that I spooked while wading over to a fallen tree that looked like good holding water. I'd love to catch one of these on a fly. Do any of my fellow Philadelphian's have any experience trying to get these fish? I nice warm water diversion from the local "cold water" trout fishing at Pickering, Valley, Ridley, and the Wiss before the Schuylkill and Perkiomen bass fishing begins. do a quick web search of this fish and you may get interested too.