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You can use an indicator, but I generally don't. My leader when fishing Buggers is generally pretty short...I used a 5' or so furled leader with maybe another 12-18" of 3x tippet tippet on it for Trout. For Bass I just use 10lb mono for the tippet section. Because the leader/tippet is fairly short you can usually see strikes during the dead drift as tugs or pauses in the line leader connection. So basically I guess I just use the line/leader connection as my indicator when drifting a Bugger.

Another reason for no indicator...An indicator theoretically would keep your Bugger higher in the water column during the swing and strip phases too. I usually find I have more success by trying to keep the fly as deep as possible during the swing/strip...it's gonna rise in the water column to some degree on its own anyway.