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Fished the Tully Wednesday & Thursday. Both days arrived around 11:30 and fished to 5:30. The weather Wednesday was very cloudy until about 2:00 and then it became very clear, sunny, and warm. Thursday it showered and then was very overcast and a bit cool for the remainder of the day.

Wednesday I was quite disappointed in that I nymphed with intensity, twice, from about 200 yards above Rebers Bridge to the bridge and only caught one trout in three hours. There was always a couple of guys in the riffle just to the right of the parking lot and above the bridge.

When I got back down to the bridge the second time there was no one in the riffle and a fellow below me said he'd caught a couple and that there were about a dozen right in front of me. I had strikes on my 2nd, 4th, and 5th casts. I'm not really a numbers guy because if I'm having fun I don't really care to keep a count. But I'd say I landed at least a dozen and lost or missed an equal amount. Also fair hooked two suckers. Best fly, hands down, was a #14 Walt's Worm tied with natural dark Haretron with a gold wire rib. Also caught a couple on a #18 clear bead black midge pupa. BTW I used 6X all day.

Thursday I went down stream a bit from the bridge (I'd say specfically where but don't want to be accused of spot burning Haha that's funny on the Tully) I hooked two big fish on my first two casts but but were LDR's. I'm going to say I must of been a bit slow on the strike.

I was still using the #14 WW but when I landed one of the rainbows and went to remove the fly I noticed that it's mouth was just stuffed with dirty white roe. There are many big suckers spawning in the deeper water as well as in the tail-outs. I had a couple whitish sucker spawn tied with the original Honey Bug yarn. I tied one on and for about an hour and a half I caught many trout on that spawn fly. That yarn has little loops built into it and if you make many little loops as you tie the fly it really looks like a skein or roe.

It was a great day until I broke the tip of my 8' #4 rod about 22" below the tip top. I was getting tired and the line got wrapped around the tip top. Instead of taking the time to untwist the line I had the rod nearly vertical and started to yank, with force, on the butt of the leader. It will take a long time to forget the CRACK!! sound that tip made as it fractured. Luckily I had a backup rod in the car.

No pictures - we all know what 10" - 14" rainbows look like anyway.