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Re: Hellgrammite

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Fishidiot wrote:

Nice - that'll catch 'em.

**I've found over the years that SMBs really like a large nymph during the summer and flies like this probably account for more bass for me in summer than any other flies. This wasn't always true: in past years I got most summer bass on poppers. Not anymore.**

During the pre-spawn and autumn months, minnow type streamer flies work best for me. However, for summer, I'm convinced that invertebrates like hellgrammites, large nymphs, and crayfish really are the main forage for bass in small streams.

True dat. Back not that long ago, I would fish a popper on top first. If the smallies weren't slamming it, I'd switch over to a bugger or maybe a clouser and swing and strip. Rarely did I have to do anything more to catch a bunch of smallies.

Now it seems I have to molly coddle SMBs and spoon feed them nymphs upstream like when trout fishing to catch a few. I started fishing a 10' 7wt rod for smallies to do this a little more efficiently.

More often than not the bass seem in the neutral or even negative mode rather than being on a seek and destroy mission. From my recollection, this is the third season where I can say this has been happening on a regular basis.

When I checked out popper box to see if they were still there...I had to clean out the cobwebs. 🕸