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Quote:

Berks wrote:

Increase the size of your offering. Try something larger than the panfish are willing to take.

^ This.

In my experience, panfish are also much less likely to hit minnow shaped flies like a Clouser Minnow than flies that resemble nymphs or crayfish.....so try a CM about 3" long. This is bigger than most of the sunnies will eat (or hook themselves on) but will appeal to the bass. A bigger popper would be a good plan too. It's also been my experience that bass in small streams tend to hit well at mid day - nevertheless, you might try the popper in the evening. Poppers allow you to see fish hit at the end of a long cast, which is tough with a streamer (bass often pick up a streamer and spit it out without the angler ever detecting the strike). Long casts will insure you don't spook the fish and the combination of evening conditions should get you hooked up with some bass.