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I pretty much agree with the larger offering theory but I have caught many redbreasts on size 4 Clouser Minnows as well, they are very aggressive. It may possibly be more a factor of the type of water than the offering. I was WW fishing this evening and had a bit of trouble hooking up with the smallies as well. This evening was a virtual redbreast rodeo! They were hittin' hard and they were hittin' everything. I enjoy catching the Redbreast sunnies so I actually took advantage of the situation. The colors on some of them are absolutely stunning!

I did manage to catch four SMB and I noticed that three of the smallies I caught were taken in much faster water. The fourth smallmouth was a 4" 2012 brood fish that I took on a size 10 White Wulff in the slow water while I was actually targeting the Redbreasts that were hitting the top. I usually have trouble catching smallies in the frog water and it seems that this is where the sunnies like to hang out. If I am fishing a swifter run with a backwater eddy I like to fish the seam between the currents but I try to keep the offering right on the seam or just into the faster water for hooking up with smallies. This time of year, cast one over into that backwater eddy and we are back to the redbreast rodeo.

I actually fish all of the different types of water and cover because the one thing that I love about WW fishing is that you never know what you are going to hook up with next. Tonight was an awesome evening even though I only caught four smallies I also hooked up with lots of Redbreasts, Rock Bass, a Largemouth Bass and a gorgeous little Pumpkinseed sunnie.