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dc410 wrote:

That's a great fish Dave. I still haven't figured out this pre-spawn bass thing, maybe it'll come together this year. Either way, it is great to see you kick things off after a long hard winter.

Thanks John. Pre-spawn bass are usually easy to catch - the key is finding them and fishing low and slow with flies that imitate fish (you can't beat a black Clouser Minnow). Look for slow, deep, bankside eddies with little current. Anywhere a point juts out into the river current can create such an eddy. If you find bass, they will be there most years - it's a predictable game (most of the time). If water temps are below about 45, I fish the bottom of the eddy in the slowest water, which is often in the middle of the eddy. Strikes are subtle - I like a big strike indicator. Once temps get into the upper 40s-50s, the bass tend to move right out into the current break and are much more aggressive. By summertime, bass have dispersed throughout the river and are usually holding on mid channel structure.....but this time of year, you want that slow, deep water close to shore.