

SCUD YATES



scud's simple profile crab

Hook: Gamakatsu B10S Stinger #2/SP11-3L3H #1
Thread: Danville's flat waxed nylon
Tail: flash/estaz/calftail or squirrel/hackle
Body: EP fiber/gold braid with epoxy/rubber legs
Weed guard: 30 pound hard Mason
Weight: brass eyes

I tied this big profile crab pattern for the big redfish of the Louisiana delta region during the winter. This fly is probably just a variation of someone's crab fly but I got tired of making each crab fly a life's work. The epoxy use is the unique and a quick replacement for tying in individual bundles of the fiber. The bigger fish (redfish and black drum) have to see the fly and to do this the fly must be big and sink really fast. I use this fly with rods from seven to ten-weight, with no problem, as the wind profile is low. A short leader and an intermediate ghost tip also help.

Delivering this to a red is like any other fly. Just put it down in front of his nose and strip according the fish's reaction to get a bite. With a black drum, toss a few feet in front of the fish and let it sink to the bottom. You "bump" it a little when the fish gets near. I plan to fish this pattern for permit and bone fish this year and suspect it to work just fine. I might make them a bit smaller though.