

Dogwoods Kingfisher and Brown Trout

Dogwoods are blooming! In March? I saw the first dogwood blooms of the year yesterday on a fishing trip. I cannot remember seeing dogwoods bloom this early, but then again everything else is pushing at least 2 to 3 weeks ahead of our usual spring emergence. I saw a disturbing thing yesterday and thought I would share it with you. This is the second Kingfisher I have seen dead this year that was tangled up in fishing line left in a tree along the river. The first one was at Montauk Park this one was outside of the park. Please make a good effort to try to get your line out of the tree if you get hung up. It is a death trap for birds. A few years back, a friend of mine and I found a Wood duck hooked on fly she tried to eat that was tangled up on a tree that had fallen into the stream. Luckily we were able to save her from a certain death.



This early spring weather is pushing plants and animals right along with their natural processes. The Bluebells will be blooming this week in the river bottoms. A couple of weeks early. I was told by a friend of mine in Michigan that some of the steelhead have already spawned and are dropping back into the lake.. The spawn usually doesn't occur until April. So if you are used to seeing hatches at a particular time of the year, it may be earlier this year so be prepared. An extra fly box or two doesn't take up that much room in the truck. You may not need them, but if you do you will have them instead of cussing because "those flies" are at home.

I thought this photo was worthy of posting. A client of mine caught her earlier this week.



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