

Reaction Innovations Skinny Dipper

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The Skinny Dipper is my new confidence bait for water temps above 50 degrees. The Skinny Dipper has so many applications that it has replaced a spinnerbait for me in a lot of situations. With more than a dozen colors and two sizes to choose from, this little morsel gets the nod when fishing pressure is high. Fishing around shallow wood and grass is easy with this bait due to the weedless rigging using a 4/0 or 5/0 wide gap light wire Gamakatsu or Owner. The ability to cover water quickly without hang ups is a must during practice and this bait does just that.

The Skinny Dippers large profile coupled with its ability to move a ton of water is a winner. Texas rigged with a light bullet weight pegged to the nose, you can count it down and fish submerged brush or trees effectively. Having had great results reeling the bait swiftly through tree limbs or brush piles and then killing the bait as it exits the brush I highly recommend this technique. The Skinny Dipper bangs off the wood with ease like a square bill crank with no hang ups and bigger profile. Fishing around docks and marinas as well using the reel and drop (yo-yo) method is also effective.

Utilizing the Reaction Innovations Screwed Up Bullet on the nose and a weighted swimbait hook adds another dimension to fishing the bait. Instead of a vertical drop with the weight on the head, you now have a bait that can be dropped slowly, horizontally falling. Killer on suspended fish or post cold front days. Carolina Rig the bait and drag it UP a hump or point and you have what appears to the bigger fish as a lost or wandering bait fish migrating shallow. That means trouble for the big fish.

One thing I've been successful doing this spring is adding a small glass worm rattle to the bait where the tail section starts. It makes a lot of extra commotion when ricocheted off a piece of cover. Another great thing about these baits is the ease in which you can color them to match whatever forage is available. Take colors Money Shot Green or Money Shot Violet and design exactly what the fish are feeding on - Bluegill, Gizzard shad, Baby Bass etc. Next time you're at the lake and everybody is chunkin' spinnerbaits and crankbaits try this bad boy and see if it doesn't get you more and bigger bites.



Money Shot Green



Money Shot Violet