



*Fly Fishing Los Roques 2022*

## FLY LIST

***CATCH AND RELEASE: Permit, bonefish, triggerfish and tarpon are always released; other species like snapper, grouper, spanish mackerel and similar may be kept for the table.***

### RECOMMENDED FLIES

Having the right flies is critical in any fishing trip. Fly Fishing Los Roques has a limited stock of flies and depends on the demand so it is important you have the right flies in your box. Depending on the species you will specialize you should bring more or less of the suggested flies. Also, depends on skills. Even though we may suggest quantities of flies, the most important thing is to bring enough flies for your fishing week.

**BONEFISH FLIES** (Small size and light color are best at Los Roques). A total of 30-40 flies (depending on skills) may be what you need for the week.

#### **MUST bring:**

- gummy minnow size 6 (very productive 6 at least)
- bonefish bitters size 6 and 8 (amber / chartreuse / green / browns). Productive on flats
- Gotcha bead eye size 6 and 8
- Bunny tail gotcha size 6 and 8.
- Cristal minnow size 4 and 6
- Clouser Minnows for deeper water and muds (but having some 'shallow water') size 6 and 8. Grey white and Sand.
- Bauer's flats crab size 6 (or other crab patters i.e. Turneffe, Enrico's, etc.). Olive, tan, green.

#### **OTHER BONEFISH FLIES**

- Christmas Island Special size 4 and 6 small dumbbell eyes. Orange
- Charlies size 6 and 8 bead chain eye in Silver
- Mantis, ghost or snapping Shrimp size 4 and 6 tan / green
- Mini Puff size 6. Pink

**TARPON.** Color and size are the relevant aspects on tarpon and snook flies. Hooks should be stout with large gape to ensure proper hook sets. We prefer pearl, red, purple, chartreuse, and natural colors. Half a dozen to a dozen tarpon flies may be enough for a fishing week.

- Anglers should be prepared with a few lefty's deceivers. 1, 1/0 and 2/0, and flashtail whistler.
- Tarpon Toad II in various colors
- Tarpon Fly with Red and White hair size 2
- Tarpon Fly with Purple and Black hair size 2
- Gummy minnow size 2 (on tarpon hooks preferably)

**CUDAS.** Light colors are especially effective

- Green and Orange tube lures (spinning)
- Green barracuda fly
- Poppers

**PERMIT AND TRIGGERFISH.** Half a dozen may be what you need for a fishing week.

- Raghead Crab patterns Size 4 (various patterns and colors)
- Permit crab 2
- Avalon size 2 and 4
- Other different Crab Patterns on size 4

## **JACKS**

- Baitfish imitation patterns in 5 to 7 inch lengths. 2/0 and 3/0 hooks.
- Poppers 2/0 and 3/0.
- Lefty's Deceiver with 2/0 and 3/0 hooks.  
(Colors: White, natural baitfish, yellow-and-chartreuse, and other bright combinations are effective).

## **SNOOK**

- Borski Swimming Shrimp
- Seaducers
- Crystal Shrimp

**LURES** (if spinning)

- Minnow lures, rapalas in different sizes, surface poppers and clouser for reef fishing and other areas for spinning.
- The 1/4 and 1/8 skimmer jig are effective.
- EP Baitfish patterns

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