

# Tying the Bendback Minnow



# About the Fly

- **Originated in Florida in the 1940s as a saltwater fly**
- **Many ways to tie it with a variety of materials**
- **Weighted or unweighted**



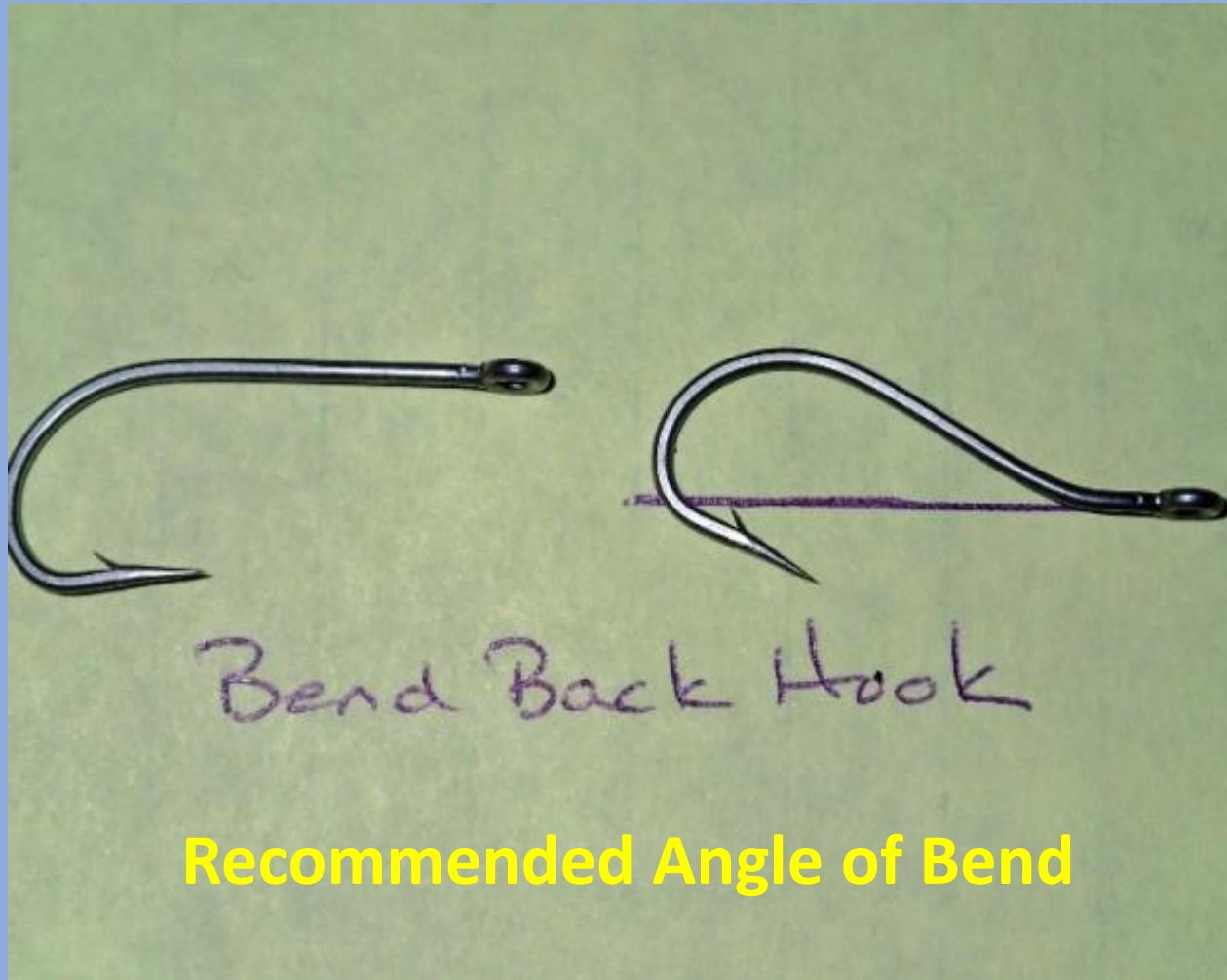
# I Do Not Add Weight



**It's a Clouser without weight!**

- Easier to cast
- Suspends in water column
- Better for shallow water
- Essentially weedless

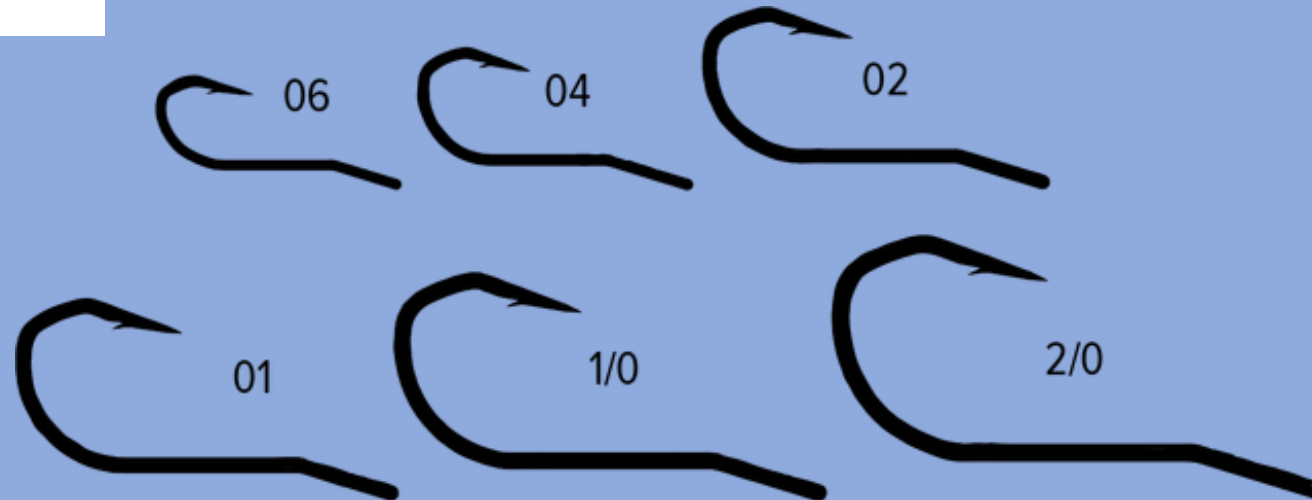
# Distinguishing Feature -- Bent Hook



# Pre-bent Hooks



**XS435 BN5X BENDBACK**



**50 cents to \$1 each...Ouch!**



# The Hooks I Use

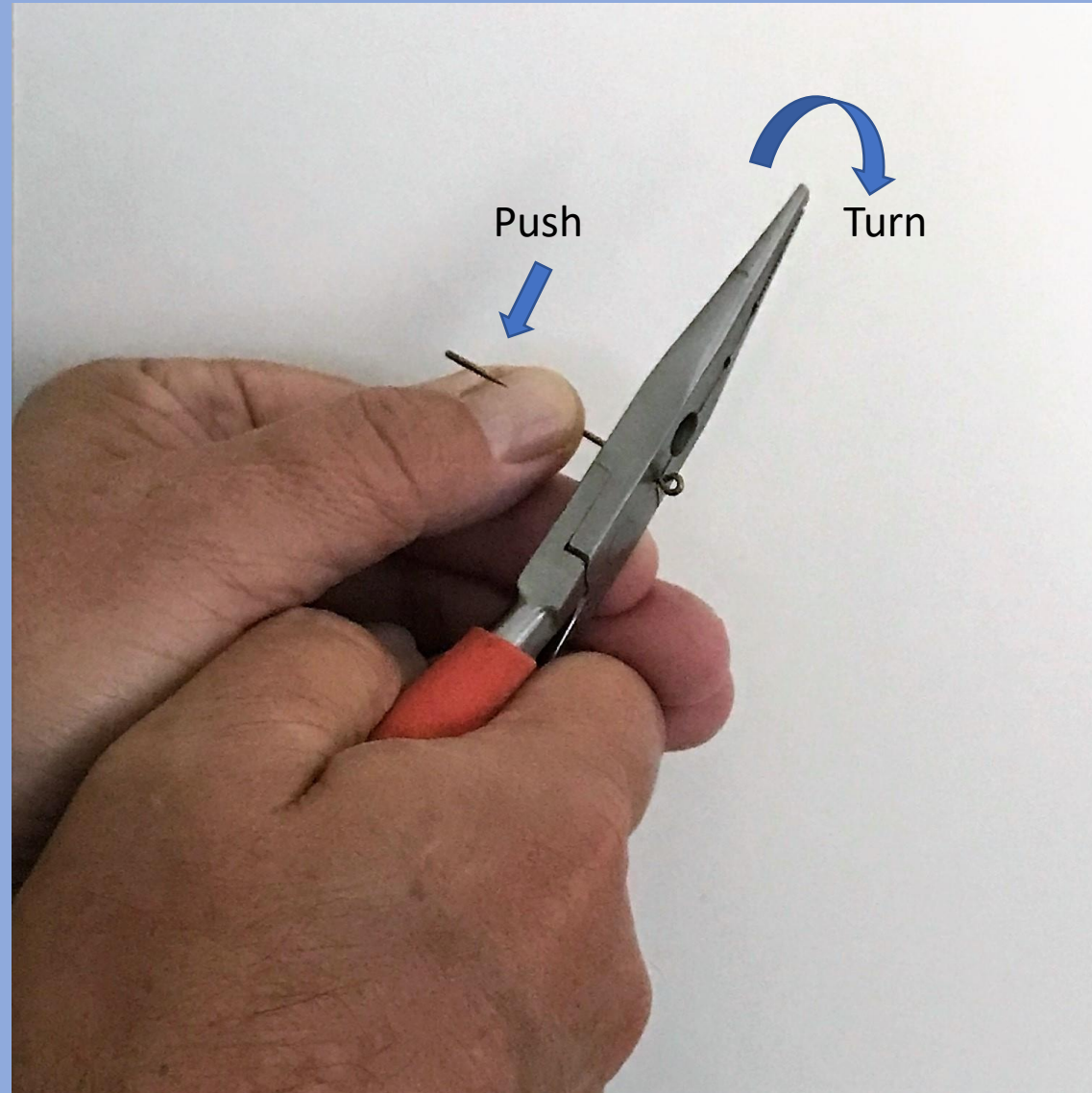


**Mustad 3366 2/0**  
**8 cents each**



**Mustad S71 SNP-DT 2/0**  
**25 cents each**

# Making the Bend



# The Materials I Use

- All colors work – even solids
- Simulate a lateral line if you like
- Generally lighter color on belly
- I prefer red/orange thread for head
- Eyes are optional
- You can make flies smaller than 2/0



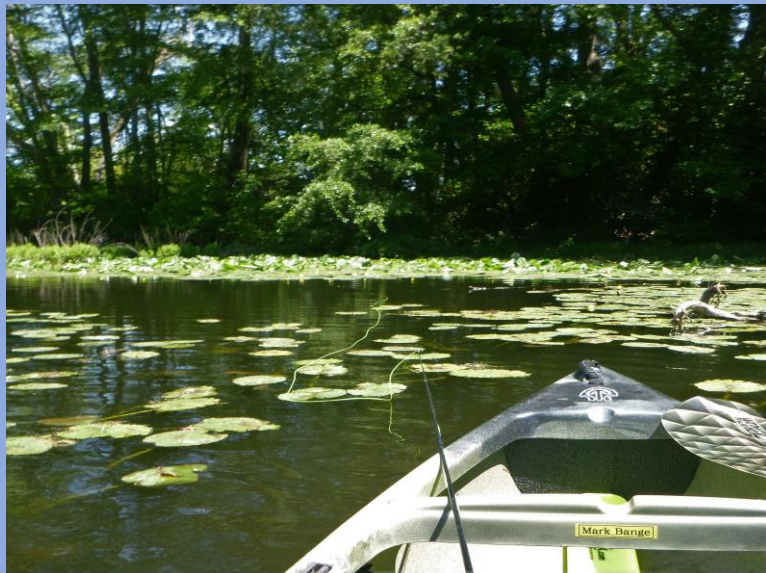
Bucktail, Flash, Eyes



Several layers of bucktail/flash



# Where and How to Fish It



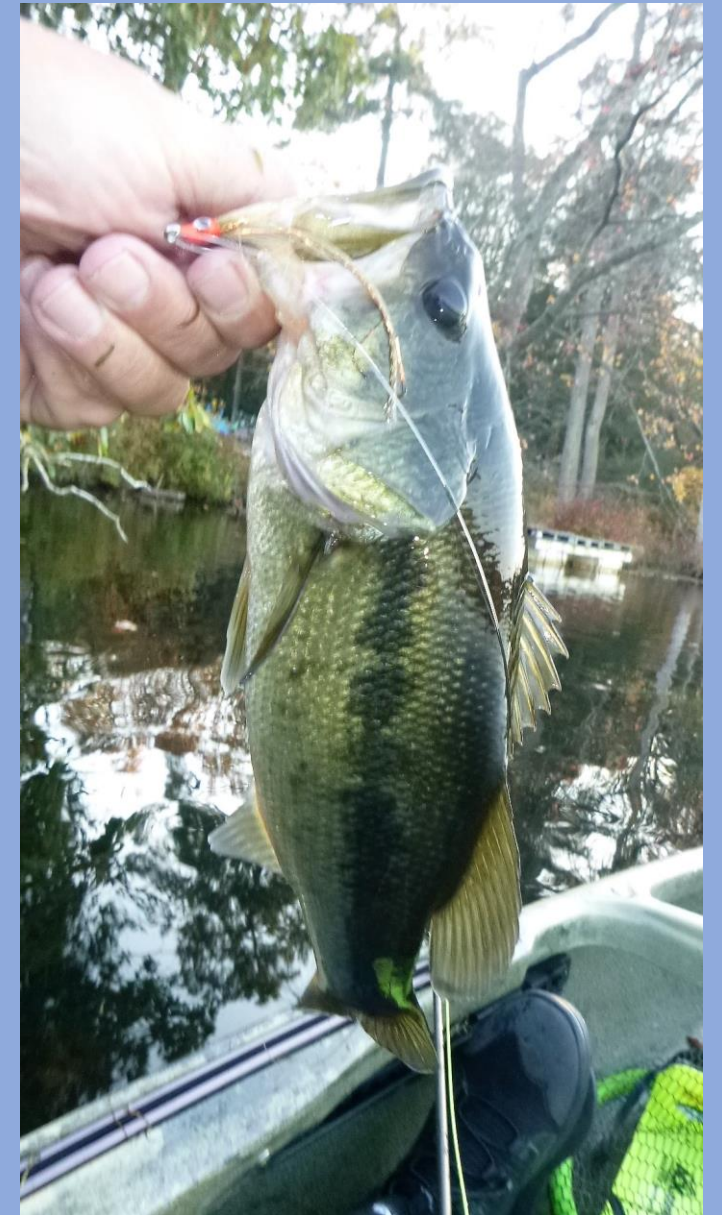
- Shallow tidal and freshwater
- Tight to or directly in structure or leaves
- Strip and pause – hits often occur on pause
- Loop knot – adds action
- Floating, intermediate or sink tips
- 5 to 7 weight rods for 2/0 hooks

# They Work!



**Hint: Offset hook point slightly when pickerel fishing**

**Great fly for minnow eaters**



# And they keep on working..



Hooks can be salvaged and used again.

# Ready to Tie?



# Here we go...

ONE



TWO



THREE



# The Finish...

FOUR



FIVE



SIX



# Ready to Cast

