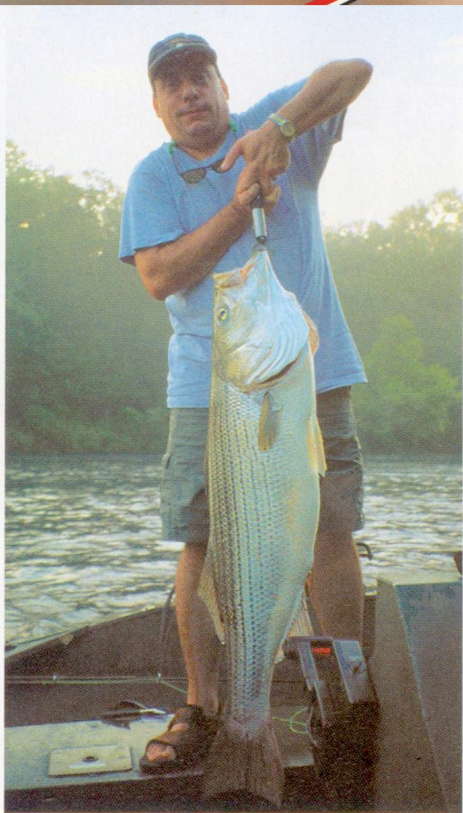


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On a hot August day on the Chattahoochee River along the Alabama-Georgia border, Joel Daniel landed this 43-pound striper on an 8-weight rod.

Finding the Fish

Alabama's Coosa River system is one of the most productive striper fisheries in the South, and Weiss Lake, the northernmost lake in the Coosa chain, features a reproducing striper population, a rare situation in fresh water. But Coosa stripers tend to average 5 to 10 pounds, with some in the teens and a few 20-pounders. Anything above that is worth shouting about.

By contrast, the average striper in Georgia's Chattahoochee River system is much larger, some reaching well into the 40s. Fishing with guide Kent Edmonds last August, Joel Daniel caught a 43-pound striper on the Chattahoochee below West Point Lake. The big female striper—which shattered the existing fly-rod record for the lake downstream—took a 3/0 chartreuse-and-white Deceiver and was released in good condition beside the boat. Some Tennessee and South Carolina river systems also have these larger fish.

River-Striper Guides

Chances are, if there are stripers in a river, the guides at the nearby fly shop know how to catch them. But here are two guys who have built reputations on this obscure sport.

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