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The newsletter of the Michigan Fly Fishing Club

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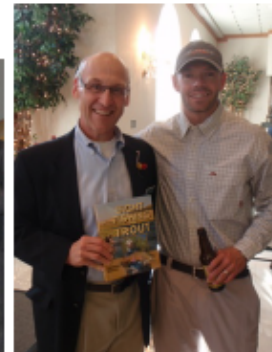
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**Claws:** Rabbit Zonker S trips (rust or olive); do not cross cut the Zonker strips

**Shellback:** Soft leather

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