

## Crankbait Hooks

With today's high tech hooks that are available replacing the trebles on crankbaits can be a wise move for several reasons.

- First, depending on the manufacturer some hooks that are factory installed are "bulk" hooks that lack some of the sharpness and durability of next generation hooks produced today. Simply changing a stock hook can increase the odds of hooking up and landing fish that take a crack at your baits.
- Second, through normal wear and tear hooks on crankbaits often become dull or worse yet, bent out of shape or the barb gets crushed down. A slightly bent crankbait hooks can cause a lure to run differently and make replicating success with that lure difficult.
- Finally, changing hook sizes can change how a lure behaves in your favor. Some lures run well at low speeds and other behave well at higher speeds. By changing hook sizes you can change the action of a crankbait. For example, if you have a high action lure that runs well at low speeds but "blows out" at higher speeds simply switching to a larger hook will often tighten the baits wobble enough to allow faster running speeds.
- Playing around with different size and style hooks can often pay dividends.
- A split ring pliers is essential to help change out hooks. A really good one can be found on this web site <http://texastackle.com/pliers.htm> . I have one and it works great.
- Going to one hook size larger on the front hook of a crankbait like a Red Eye Shad can increase the hooking ability of the lure.