



### **Headwaters Series Bamboo Fly Rods By Headwaters Bamboo Rod Company**

**Features:** Handcrafted in the tradition of split-cane rods, with the advantage of modern techniques, adhesives, and components for a supremely functional, yet graceful bamboo rod. The six-strip blanks are hand-split and hand-planed of Tonkin cane, then glued, tempered, and finished to a satin sheen. The cork grips, guides, ferules, and reel seats complement the functional elegance of the bamboo. Available with 1-tip or 2-tips, or 2-tip blanks for the do-it-yourselfer.

**HCA Field Test:** Every angler should own at least one bamboo fly rod—if for no other reason than the tradition it brings. But not everyone can afford the high price of a custom rod, or the time it takes to get one. Headwaters Bamboo Rod Company

was formed for that very reason—to provide affordable, quality bamboo rods to fishermen who need a quick turn-around time. All of their rods are handcrafted and elegant, yet extremely functional. And you can get into one for as little as \$375.

So how do they compare with traditional rods—or other higher-end bamboo rods? Better than you might think! We tested a 7' 4wt. rod from their Headwaters Series, and I was pleasantly surprised by the smooth, graceful action. The Santium model we threw had a very relaxed, medium action load, and great presentation. It was far more responsive than I expected, especially in short to moderate distance situations. It controls a lot like a traditional rod, but with a little more ease and flair. It's easy to see why so many anglers get sentimental when talking about their favorite bamboo rod. And it's even easier to see why Headwaters has gained such a loyal customer base. Quality bamboo rods at an affordable price! To learn more, check them out at [www.split-bamboo.com](http://www.split-bamboo.com).

**MSRP:** \$375 - \$475