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fishing tips

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What my brother probably didn't tell you is that he's colorblind. He can't tell green from red. So, when we're fishing over a nice patch of green grass and a great big bright redfish comes swimming by, he can't see it. We usually use a step ladder; I'll sit up top and look and he'll stay on the deck and cast. He's good with direction, too. I'll tell him one o'clock, two o'clock, three o'clock, and if I miss him on the first cast, he usually backs me up with a crank bait or spinner bait or something making a little noise, whereas, I just throw finesse baits. It makes a real good, diverse team. Every team needs to have one person who can see, and somebody who chucks and winds. You need to have one person who can jig fish and one person who throws finesse bait, or one person who can throw a spinner bait while the next person is looking for the best place to cast. A good team has to have diversity if they want to compete.