

Fly of the Month

Cream Parachute

ORIGIN:

This fly became noteworthy at the Ozark Fly Fishers Bennett Springs Catch-N-Release outing in 2008. Mike Swederska tied and fished the fly with great success. There was a hatch of a small cream colored mayflies that had fish rising everywhere in the stream - especially above the damn. This fly is a must for your fly box, if fishing Bennett Springs



MATERIALS

- Hook: Temico 101 size 22
- Thread: 8/0 Cahill
- Tail: Light Ginger or Cream Hackle Fibers
- Body: Cahill Thread
- Hackle: Cream or Light Ginger
- Post: White Turkey Flat

TYING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Mount the hook and attach thread.
2. Mount the post about 1/3 way down the shank.
3. Tie on the hackle fibers for the tail. Use the standard dry fly length for the tail.
4. Build a tapered body to the post.
5. Method 1 - Tie on a light ginger or cream hackle to the shank of the hook. Apply a dab of cream dubbing behind the post and in front of the post. Wrap three or four turns of hackle around the post. Tie off the hackle to the hook shank. Bring the thread behind the eye and form a head.
6. Method 2 (Similar) - Tie on a light ginger or cream hackle to the shank of the hook. Tie the stem of the hackle up the post. Apply a dab of dubbing behind the post and in front of the post. Wrap three or four turns of hackle down the post and tie the hackle off around the post. Bring the thread to a point behind the eye and form a head.
7. Whip finish or half-hitch and apply cement, if needed.

VARIATIONS:

This is a typically tied parachute, except for the small size. Various colors can be used to tie the fly. Use a light olive thread and dun hackle to imitate a blue wing olive. Use gray thread with a brown and grizzly hackle to tie an Adams. Other combinations can be used to tie various imitations.