

Andy's Stripped Peacock Herl Emerger – 2011

This is my version of the popular emerger buzzer 'shuttlecock' style fly.



Materials

Hook: Kamasan B100 Trout Shrimp and Buzzer Size 12

Thread 8.0 Brown

Body: Stripped peacock herl

Thorax: River Niche Dark Olive Brown (no 42)

Wings: Three/four olive brown CDC feathers

Tying

- 1) Wind thread down body of hook in touching turns to the flat of the curve
- 2) Strip a long peacock herl (easiest way is to use a pencil rubber, place the herl on a hard surface and rub against the flue of the herl)
- 3) Tie in the stripped herl at the base of the thread, narrow end first.
- 4) Return the thread up to a point 4mm or so from the eye.
- 5) Wind on the stripped herl up to the same point and tie off and trim

- 6) Tie in 3 or 4 olive brown CDC feathers. Trim off the stalks and any stray flue behind the tie-in point
- 7) Trim the feathers by cutting across the top with a pair of scissors to about the same length as the hook.
- 8) With the silk behind the tied-in CDC dub on the olive-brown.
- 9) Wind up to the behind the feathers creating a tapered 'cone' and then run on to 1 mm or so behind the eye.
- 10) Whip finish.
- 11) Give the stripped peacock herl body two coats of hard as nails or other varnish.

The stripped peacock herl makes a wonderful segmented buzzer style body and the varnish finish gives it that little bit of 'glint' in any sunshine.

You can also substitute Pardo Olive CDC and this seems to work equally well.

Fishing style is traditional dry-fly, and once cast you can just leave it there, or give it little twitch every now and again...the CDC especially if treated with a touch of CDC oil or gink the night before, makes it virtually unsinkable!

These flies imitate a wide variety of emerging insects and I have found them particularly effective in Spring and early Summer.

Tight lines

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