

# RAMBLINGS OF A FLY TYER

I have fished a lot of water, water types in different states and different hatches, but none that intrigue me more than the Green Drake. I should say, the Green Drake family. There are three of the large green drakes, two lesser green drakes and one small green drake. They all have a nymph, an emerger, a cripple, a dun and a spinner phase. That is 6 flies x 5 patterns equals 30 patterns, right? Let's simplify this. For the 3 large or greater green drakes, and 2 lesser green drakes, you can use the same 5 patterns, just change the hook size. The third will use 5 different patterns. I'm not going to show 5 patterns, let alone 30. I will give you all the common names and Latin names of all three sizes. The Western Green Drake and the Giant Green Drake's Latin names are *Drunella grandis*, *Drunella dorsii* and the *Drunella spinifera* and are in size 8-10.

The Lesser Green Drake or Flav's Latin name is *Drunella Flailinea* and *Drunella Coloradensis* in size 12-14. The small Green Drake was just classified from the B.W.O. family a couple years ago. Is called the Margarite size, latin name *Attenella margarite* in size 14-16.

These flies hatch on most spring creeks or slower parts of big and small rivers and streams. We will start with the **Western Green Drake and Flav**, both will use the same patterns, just different size. There are lots of patterns; this is just the one I like.



**Hook:** Daiichii 1180 – 1190, or your favorite, size 8-10

**Thread:** 8/0 – 16/0 olive & brown (or use brown pantone pen)

**Tail:** Moose body hair

**Wing:** Dark dun hen

**Body:** Olive turkey biot

**Thorax:** Peacock or your favorite olive dubbing

**Hackle:** Olive & chartreuse dry fly hackle

**Head:** Brown thread or (a commercial tyer's trick) color about 3" of olive thread with a brown water proof marker, build head and whip finish.

This is the way I tie this fly, but you may use a different order, if it works better for you.

Pinch the barb on the hook. I start the thread 3 eye lengths back. Set your wings back to back, and length of the hook. Then add tail, 3 to five moose body hair. Tie in to olive turkey biot and wrap forward to just behind the wing. I find it works best by putting hackles in now, put in thorax then wrap hackles. Finish head in brown 16/0 or color 3" of olive thread with brown marker (as stated in recipe).