

On The Fly

January 2013

“Fly tying is a school from which we never graduate”

PATTERN OF THE MONTH-Flavs or Lesser Western Green Drake

Hook - Daiichi #1190 or equivalent, size 12-14
Thread - White 12/0 or silk , finish fly with brown thread
Wings - Dark dun (grey) hen tips
Tail - Dyed olive grizzly spade fibers
Body - Dark olive turkey biot
Rib - Bright yellow 6/0 thread
Hackle - Olive dyed grizzly



Folks, Dan is going to be a hard act to follow, but I will do my best. The fly I picked for this month is the Western Green Drake and some, me included, know it as Flav's. There are 4 flies in the genus *Drunella*. The good news is all you have to do is pick a good pattern and use it for all 4, just change size. This is going to be a dry pattern, I've used this fly in spring creeks in Montana, here on the Rogue, Idaho and in Northern Calif. I will be tying it at the next meeting and it will be the first fly we tie in the upcoming tying class

Helpful Hints:

About the white thread, as a lot of you know, I'm old school. White will not darken most fly tying materials when wet. This dates back to the 1600's or more. When my grandfather was teaching me, we would tie off the head then use black head cement. Hence, I'm using brown on the head and all I do is use a brown marker and color about 4" of thread to finish.

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