

Photo of Fly Under the Title and Description

Category: Dry Flies-Hoppers

Knobby Hopper

Description: An Australian classic of dubious origins. Many want to take the credit for development of this outstanding grasshopper pattern. Regardless of who is responsible for it the fly continues to deceive trout in their thousands season after season. Hit it down onto the water HARD! Suggested Uses - hopper fishing, victoria, new south wales

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Rubber Hopper

Description: This pattern floats all day and has the necessary bulk to really hit the water with a SPLAT! The rubber legs tied in X style are a real attractive feature and bring the fly to life in any sort of chop or bounce on the water. Suggested Uses - rivers, streams, fat water, riffles



Category: Dry Flies-Miscellaneous Terrestrials

Parachute Cricket

Description: A good representation of a cricket tied parachute style. The body sits very low giving a great imprint of the fly into the meniscus. Great pattern for throwing about at last light or during the middle of the day in autumn. April sees the best cricket fishing around Victoria and this pattern and a black muddler is about all you will need to get the job done. Suggested Uses - autumn fishing, rivers, streams, lakes, stillwaters, evening fishing



Category: Dry Flies-Attractors

Dr Wark

Description: Adapted and developed as an attractor for the Big River by a long time fisher of the area, Dr Wark. This densely hackled fly floats well in fast water situations and is particularly effective in streams with lots of foliage overhang. Meant to represent terrestrials, especially beetles, we have classed it as an attractor it working on so many situations on small to medium alpine creeks and rivers Australia wide. Suggested Uses - attractor, beetle, big river, fast water, alpine creeks



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Royal Humpy

Description: This is a world wide favourite. Absolutely deadly in small streams in Australia but equally as effective on South Island Rivers. It has a beetle body shape combined with the wing and tail of a mayfly pattern. A very good floater and highly visible this pattern works well in all sizes. Suggested Uses - south island, new zealand, fast water, alpine creeks, nymph indicator



Category: Dry Flies-Attractors

Royal Wulff

Description: Used world wide this pattern direct from the imagination of legendary angler Lee Wulff is a must have. Works in all sizes it is especially good when nothing is hatching but also excels as an indicator fly under which a nymph is fished. Particularly good in fast water situations. Suggested Uses - attractor, mitta mitta, swampy plains, small rivers, alpine creeks, fast water, indicator nymphing



Category: Dry Flies-Caddis

Hairwing Coachman

Description: The hair wing coachman can be used as a caddis pattern although it has found most fame as an attractor pattern. We like to use it up on Big River and the semi-alpine creeks of the state where it seems the fish just can't get enough of it! It floats very well and has excellent visibility, the white wing standing out like a beacon in the night. Great small water pattern. Suggested Uses - streams, rivers, alpine creeks, caddis hatch



Category: Dry Flies-Duns

Parachute Adams

Description: A great variant of the traditional Adam's this parachute type is the right colour and shape for a generalist dun hatch fly. The white wing post makes it very easy to see in low light and the grey body make it fish well whenever small, pale duns are on the menu. Extremely good in small streams and Goulburn bubble lines. It works all year round. Suggested Uses - goulburn, south island, dun hatch, blind searching, small rivers, alpine creeks



Category: Dry Flies-Duns

Grey Wulff

Description: The Wulff shape tied in grey with deer hair wings is a very good Australian Mainland fast water fly. It passes very well for a Kossie Dun which are widely distributed in some of the more popular rivers of the North East. They are also extremely buoyant and visible in the fast water where the big duns hatch making them one of the better imitations for Kossie Dun hatches. Suggested Uses - kossie hatch, attractor, indicator nymfing



Category: Dry Flies-Emergers

Shaving Brush

Description: This pattern is another Tasmanian one and should be carried at all times. It has been around for ever and without knowing the name Geoff was tying and fishing them in '96 as a representative of crippled duns. They are very effective especially fished with another fly like a parachute dun. A killer in Arthur's Lake and Little Pine Lagoon we also had some exceptional fishing with them on St Clair Lagoon. Suggested Uses - tasmania, lakes, stillwaters, arthurs, little pine, ballarrat, newlyns, hepburn, cairn curran



Category: Dry Flies-Caddis

Elk Hair Caddis Natural

Description: This elk hair caddis is worth carrying at all times from November onwards. We mostly use the grey and olive versions and only fish this when we have run out of the other ones; and they work just as well! A good fly to fish during caddis hatches but also as a dry to hang a nymph below. Suggested Uses - rivers, streams, alpine creeks, lakes, stillwaters, caddis hatches, indicator



Category: Dry Flies-Attractors

Stimulator Orange

Description: The orange stimulator is an out and out attractor! It looks like nothing that falls out onto our waters yet it is eaten with much gusto! Again it shares the characteristics of floating well and suspending a nymph in the strike zone. Suggested Uses - streams, rivers, alpine creeks



Category: Nymphs-Nymphs
Pheasant Tail Nymph

Description: This is the all time favourite and has withstood the test of time better than any other. This fly continues to take even the most selective of brown trout on some of the hardest waters right across the planet, and works equally well here in Australia and New Zealand. It should be carried at all times on all waters and can be fished deep or in the skin to imitate any number of mayfly types. Suggested Uses - south island, new zealand, swampy plains, goulburn river, nymph fishing, selective fish, mayfly hatches



Category: Nymphs-Nymphs
Stonefly Nymph Brown

Description: An excellent pattern for prospecting the fastest of water. A very effective fly on the Rubicon it also works extremely well in many South Island rivers. Fished in tandem with a heavy beadhead nymph or a split shot to take it down super quick it should be fished upstream on a short line through the roughest of water. Suggested Uses - Rubicon, fast water, headwaters



Category: Nymphs-Nymphs
Seals Fur Nymph Brown

Description: An excellent Mayfly pattern it's shaggy thorax creates the illusion of life. This is half the battle with getting a good imitation. Replicating the movement of the natural. Best fished on a slow hand over hand retrieve it works either blind searching around likely areas or early in the hatch fished to moving fish. Excellent in Tasmania, Ballarat and on the Monaro it is most effective when matching the hatch. Suggested Uses - river, lake, tasmania, ballarat, mayfly hatches



Category: Nymphs-Nymphs
Seals Fur Nymph Black

Description: Too many flytiers are just that, FLYTIERS ! They don't fish and for them aesthetics are more important than function and practical

application. Make no mistake, this suggestive pattern is among the best. Loosely dubbed it comes to life in the water and has been fooling trout for decades. A classic nymph pattern that will work anywhere. Suggested Uses - lake ,river



Category: Nymphs-Nymphs
Pheasant Tail Nymph Weighted

Description: Perhaps the greatest nymph pattern of all time. Sawyer's original pattern is still catching trout over fifty years later. This slightly modified version sees the use of peacock herl (another material with fantastic fish catching properties) being substituted for the original pheasant tail in the thorax. A first choice Mayfly nymph both here and in New Zealand. A must have in any fly fishers boxes. Suggested Uses - new zealand, south island, goulburn mitta, swampy, rivers, streams, mayfly



Category: Nymphs-Nymphs
Hare and Copper

Description: An Aus-NZ phenomenon. This simple fly is one of the must haves. Can be taken as either a caddis or mayfly it's buggy appearance has been the downfall of many a trout. A favourite on many of the thousands of rivers of New Zealand's South Island it is very useful wherever trout are fished for. Suggested uses - new zealand, south island, mayfly nymph,



Category: Nymphs-Beadhead Nymphs

Beadhead Nymph Black

Description: A good searching fly in all rivers that have healthy populations of Mayfly. It has proven to be quite a good Springtime and Autumn fly pattern fished under a strike indicator over gravel bars in the Goulburn River. It also works well when teamed with a brown or green beadhead off droppers and fished in tandem down and across . Suggested Uses - deep nymphing, across and down, indicator nymphing



Category: Nymphs-Beadhead Nymphs

Beadhead Hare and Copper

Description: Nothing much needs to be said about this pattern. Acclaimed as the single best nymph pattern when venturing to the South Island of New Zealand it also works very well here in Oz. The messy body tied with plenty of guard hairs give the fly movement and the colour is perfect to imitate so many of the bugs found in rivers with light coloured rock bottoms. Suggested Uses - new zealand, south island, deep nymphing, across and down, indicator nymphing

Category: Nymphs-Tungsten Nymphs

Tungsten Hare and Copper

Description: The hare and copper has long been a favourite of our cross tasman cousins. It has also as a result found a strong following here and the extra weight with the tungsten bead gets it done much quicker now

meaning more time in the strike zone meaning more fish caught.
Suggested Uses - rivers, streams, fast water, deep water, south island



Category: Nymphs-Beadhead Nymphs

Beadhead Pheasant Tail Flashback

Description: Another successful variant which is perhaps the best Goulburn pattern. Used from Opening Day to Closing Day it rarely disappoints. We use it with great success on the Swampy Plain and Mitta Mitta Rivers as well as many South Island rivers and streams. The weight of the beadhead helps it to get down to the fish quickly. Suggested Uses - goulburn mitta mitta, swampy plains, rubicon, new zealand, south island, deep nymphing, across and down, indicator nymphing, sliding indicator

