
FLY OF THE MONTH

SHEEP CREEK SPECIAL



Hook:	TMC 5263 #6 - 14 or equivalent - 3X long (weighted or unweighted)
Thread:	Black 3/0
Rear Hackle:	Brown or furnace hackle - flared
Body:	Medium dark olive chenille
Wing:	Mallard flank fibers - 15 - 20 fibers
Head:	Tying thread

1. Wrap a smooth underbody of thread from just behind the eye to the bend of the hook.
2. At the bend of the hook tie in a brown or furnace hackle with the concave side facing toward the rear. Wrap 2 or 3 turns around the hook forming a flared effect.
3. Strip the first 1/4" of the chenille down to the inner thread and tie this stripped portion onto the hook just in front of the flared rear hackle. If the fly is weighted start the chenille, without stripping it, just behind the lead wraps (this helps to form a smooth body) Wrap the chenille forward in close wraps to a point behind the eye which allows for tying on the wing and forming the head.
4. Select 15-20 mallard flank fibers and tie them in front of the body with the points laying back over the body. The points of the mallard flank fibers should reach just short of the rear hackle (without cutting). Trim off the excess fiber butts.
5. Form a neat tapered thread head, whip finish and coat the head with head cement. This fly is one of the better stillwater patterns and should be in every lake fisherman's fly box. The late George Biggs developed the Sheep Creek Special and in some areas, especially Southern Idaho, it is known as the "Biggs Fly". I have my best luck with it tied as above, however, it can be tied with a peacock herl body or variegated chenille - olive/gold -black/orange - black/tan. I normally do not weight the fly.

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