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# FLY OF THE MONTH

Shark's Caddis Larva, By Radoslav Kiskinov, Bulgaria

Hook: Nymph Hook size 18 to 10, (straight or curved scud hook)  
Bead: Gold bead matched to hook size  
Thread: Black 6/0 or 8/0 on small patterns  
Underbody: Antron spooled yarn, pale yellow, grey or caddis green  
Segmented  
Body: Split Antron yarn, with light rabbit underfur, twisted into tight rope  
Thorax: Two peacock herl



**F**ish this realistic caddis pattern like a nymph for trout and chub with split shots on the leader under an indicator. If you want you may put a weighted wire on the hook when tying the fly, and use two or three of them in Czech style nymph fishing. Lucky Ketcham likes the looks of this caddis pattern, it should be a good one in green or cream colors. The fine rabbit underfur should give movement of gills.

Slip gold bead onto hook and mount the hook in the vise. Attach the black thread behind the bead. Attach one end of a strand of cream colored Spooled Antron yarn behind the bead. Pull it tight to the rear and make a tread base to the bend. Leave the thread bobbin hang at the rear and wrap the Antron yarn forward to the bead and back to the bend, forming a smooth yarn underbody. Tie down the yarn at the bend with three wraps of thread. Split the Antron yarn with your bodkin or needle. Pick out some white/cream rabbit underfur and place a sparse amount in 1.5 inches of the split yarn. Distribute it evenly and not too thick. Advance the black thread to behind the bead. Twist the Antron yarn and rabbit into a tight rope. Wrap the tight yarn forward to the

beadhead forming the segmented body. Tie off and trim the excess. Attach the tip ends of two peacock herl. (Tip always cut off the first inch of the peacock herl tips, they break to easily, LK) Wrap the herl around the thread to make a rope. Make two wraps of the peacock herl behind the bead head. Tie off and trim excess. Whip finish behind the bead head. Finish with a small drop of head cement applied to be back of the bead, not to the herl.

Lucky notes that Dave Hughes and Rick Hafele think loop dubbed pine squirrel with some guard hairs makes the best color match for most caddis fly larva patterns. You might substitute the peacock herl on some of these.

Rado remarks that the larger cream colored caddis would mimic our October Caddis. Smaller Apple Green colored Antron patterns would pass for the net spinners we find at the East Walker River and other tail waters. For the largest free living caddis he might add a smooth strip of plastic skin along the back, like the more traditional Czech nymph. The fine rabbit hair gills make this pattern unique. Similar nymph patterns like the Serendipity work, the added movement of the gills should improve the pattern.

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