
FLY OF THE MONTH

Louie's Bay Fly

Hook:	Mustad 3407 sizes #8-#2
Thread:	Monocord brown or black
Body:	Brown Antron dubbing
Wing:	Black barred brown squirrel-tail hair with two or three brown sparkle rubber-legs
Eyes:	Dumbbell Lead Eyes 1/8"-3/16" depending on size of fly
Weed-guard:	20-25 lb. Mason monofilament



Tying instructions:

1. Sharpen hook. Bend down barb.
2. Start thread at eye and wrap back to start of curve of hook, then wrap forward to just above the point of the hook. Wrap extra turns at this point to create a cushion for the dumb-bell eyes. Directly opposite the point of the hook and below the shank away from the point, tie in the dumb-bell eye, using a figure-eight wrap. This will cause the fly to ride point-up. Apply head cement to the wraps around the eyes.
3. Tie in the sparkle rubber legs aft of the eyes, so that they extend beyond the bend one and a half times the hook length.
4. Tie in a generous hunk of squirrel tail aft of the eyes to extend a bit beyond the end of the sparkle rubber-legs.
5. Generously apply Antron dubbing to the tying thread and wrap forward from the bend, around the eyes up to well short of the eye of the hook. It is important here to build up the dubbing to make a substantial body similar to a fat nymph.
6. Attach weed guard just behind the eye of the hook, bending the mono around the shank so that the two ends point back over and above the point of the hook. Use tying thread to bend the mono to the correct angle.
7. Whip finish and apply head cement to the final wraps behind the hook-eye.

This fly is effective, used in eel-grass beds in San Diego and Mission Bay for Spotted Bay Bass and Halibut. A small split shot in front of the hook improves the action. It is also effective in the smaller sizes without the weed guard and without the split-shot for barred surf-perch.

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