

March FOTM: X Caddis

It is Caddis time again! March, April and May is the time we begin to see the first real activity of the season. After the summer slow down, this volume of will return in September and October. Keep in mind, if you will be fishing out west, the emergence schedules will change.

The X Caddis is similar to the standard Elk Hair Caddis but it is tied without the hackle and a shuck (tail) is added which resembles an emerging Caddis

struggling to shed its emerging skin as a cripple as it drifts in the film.

The X Caddis is an easy pattern to tie requiring few materials. We suggest tying the in sizes #12 - #22 depending on your location. For our local water #16 or #17 is a perfect size for our early Caddis emergence. For the body color we suggest black, tan, olive and amber to cover the season.



Recipe:

Hook: Tiemco 100, Tiemco 102Y or equivalent in sizes #12 - #22

Thread: 8/0 to match the body color

Shuck: Amber or gold Zelon or equivalent

Body: Caddis dubbing blend in black, tan, olive, or amber. Natural dubbing from a hare's mask is another good option

Wing: Deer hair or bleached deer hair

Tying Instructions:

1. Crush down hook barb and begin wrap the tying thread, starting behind the hook eye, rearward to the hook bend.
2. Tie-in a section of the shuck material extending rearward about the length of the hook shank.
3. At the shuck tie-in point dub the body and wrap forward in touching wraps up to behind the hook eye.
4. Stack a hair wing and tie-in behind the hook eye extending to the hook bend forming the wing down wing style. The wing should be full and cup the body extending down over the sides of the body even with the sides.
5. Whip finish and trim, the wing butts Elk Hair Caddis style.

-Go fishing