

**FLY OF THE MONTH –BWO Floating Nymph**

In preparation for this month's Fly of the Month I looked back over Newsline issues when it was a paper copy long before our electronic version. My record goes back to 2000 at time I wrote under the name of Salvelinus Fontitinalis which I preferred. Our goal has always been to provide fly recipes that were appropriate for our local streams and were easy to tie. Wow! nearly 20 year of Fly of the Month.. Where has the time gone?

I recently spent an enjoyable afternoon on the river and we were successful using Blue Assassins as droppers down deep. About 3:00 PM there was a wonderful Baetis emergence and that is probably why our dropper selection was successful at that time. With that I thought,

what should I use on the surface that the rising fish might distinguish from the natural duns emerging and on the surface. Here is a possibility, tie some up and give them a try.

**Recipe:**

Hook: TMC 100 or TMC 101 sizes #18 - #22

Thread: Olive 8/0

Tail: Light blue dun hackle fibers a hook shank in length

Rib: Olive 6/0 thread

Abdomen: Blue -wing olive Super fine dubbing

Dubbing pad: Light gray poly dubbing

Thorax: Same as abdomen

Legs: Light blue dun hackle fibers

**Tying Instructions:**

1. Crush down the hook barb and attach the tying thread at the bend of the hook.
2. Align and strip a sparse bundle of hackle fibers and mount them atop the hook shank extending rearward one shank length long. Trim and bind down the excess.
3. Tie-in a length a length of ribbing thread directly atop of the tail mounting wraps.
4. Dub and wrap a slightly tapered abdomen stopping at the midpoint of the hook shank.
5. Wrap the rib forward in open spirals to a winging point about halfway between the end of the abdomen and the hook eye.
6. Holding the tying thread vertically lightly dub the thread with the poly dubbing in a teardrop shape holding the thread vertically.
7. Carefully slide the poly dubbing down the thread to the top of the hook shank compressing a dubbing ball forming the dubbing pad.
8. Keeping the dubbing pad atop of the hook shank take several horizontal wraps at the base of the dubbing pad.
9. Dub the thread with the abdomen dubbing building-up the thorax to its full size behind the dubbing pad and taking some figure eight wraps advancing the thread wraps to ahead of the dubbing pad.
10. Align and strip sparse hackle legs and mount the legs on each side and in front of the thorax sweeping rearward.
11. Lightly dub the thread and wrap in front of the dubbing pad completing the thorax. Whip finish and trim.

Blue wing olives are on the river year around. Tie this floating nymph emerger behind a BWO dun.

**GO FISHING !**

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