

FLY OF THE MONTH: *Improved Zelon Midge*

It is midge time and the Zelon Midge is effective anywhere in the world where emerging midges are found. Originally developed by Craig Mathews of Blue Ribbon Flies it was known as the Madison River Zelon Midge and it has since been improved by Craig to be even more effective. The Improved Zelon Midge is quick and easy to tie and the pattern uses few materials. You will want some of these very effective flies in your box year around. Tie up a good supply and enjoy.

RECIPE:

Hook: Tiemco 2488 size 20-22

Thread: Uni 8/0 Olive Dun

Shuck: Midge Gray straight Zelon or you can substitute with gray straight Zelon

Wings: Midge Gray straight Zelon

Thorax Dubbing: Midge Black Zelon Dubbing or you can substitute with black rabbit or black hare's ear



TYING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Crush down the hook and tie in the tying thread at the 2/3 point of the hook shank. Also, tie-in the shuck at that tie-in point.
2. Wrap the tying thread rearward over the shuck material to the hook bend. Trim the shuck about a half a hook shank in length.
3. Wrap the tying thread forward in touching wraps to the tie in point forming the abdomen.
4. Just ahead of the abdomen mount the wing on top of the hook shank with figure 8 wraps leaving the wing material extending out each side.
5. Sweep the two wings rearward and trim together about one hook shank in length.
6. Dub the tying thread, and figure 8 wrap the thorax between the wing. This will create both a thorax and legs. As always, whip finish and trim.

Go fishing

- Bob Foster