

Tree Rat Biot Nymph

I am not sure what this fly imitates, but the fish seem to like it. I usually tie it with a white biot, but I also use other colors as well. I call it a Tree Rat Biot Nymph because I use gray squirrel dubbing for the body, not because it sometimes ends up in a tree. It is an easy tie so it does not take long to tie a supply for your fly box. I usually tie this in sizes 12 and 14 and sometimes use a larger bead such as a 1/8 bead instead of a 7/64 bead on a Mustad 3906 #12 hook. I also use this fly in a size 10 and 12 for bluegills. Wapsi came out with some new colors for their Ultra Thread this year and I really like their new color called ðWood Duckö. It is a gold colored thread and I use it whenever I am using a gold bead as the color blends well next to the bead. I am not fussyí . if the fish like it, I like it! Tie a few up and give them a try.

Materials List

Hook: Mustad 3906 in #12 & #14

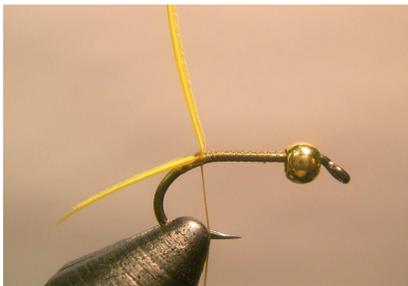
Thread: Wood Duck color 70 Denier Wapsi Ultra Thread

Beads: Gold in size 7/64 or 1/8 for #12 and 3/32 or 7/64 for #14

Tail & Wing Case: One goose biot

Body: Gray Squirrel Dubbing

Hackle: Grizzly



1. Pinch down barb, place bead on hook, start thread and advance thread to bend of hook. Tie in biot to form the tail and bend back as shown and advance the thread in front of biot.



2. Dub body using gray squirrel dubbing. Use a Velcro or other dubbing brush to brush down from top to shape dubbing similar to a scud (pointing down).



3. Bring biot over the top and tie down as shown to form a longer than normal wing case.



4. Attach a gray grizzly hackle one size smaller than normally used for that size hook. Palmer hackle no more than two complete turns and tie off. Apply head cement and it is ready to fish!



5. The finished Tree Rat Biot Nymph