

OSPREY FLY BOX

BK DRAGONFLY VARIANT

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I created a this floating Dragonfly last year and I had success with this pattern.

The original BK Dragonfly is a Friday Night Flies pattern by Brad Knowles and he uses wool for the body and plastic eyes.

My version the body is tied with Semperfli Dry Fly PolyYarn (*which comes in a variety of colours to match the particular Stillwater being fished*) and it has Mini foam eyes to keep it buoyant.

I fish this like I would a Gomphus. Sinking Line, depending on the conditions anywhere from a Clear Intermediate to a Type 6. It stays fairly weedless and is easy to keep just off the bottom. Its great in shallow weeds too.

I have used Nanosilk as the rib and added a version with rubber legs.



MATERIALS

- Hook:** Curved Caddis hook Size #6-#10
Eyes: Black Foam, mini
Thread: 6/0 Nanosilk or GSP
 Colour to match PolyYarn
Tail: Whiting Brahma Hen Mottled Brown or similar
Body: Semperfli Dry Fly PolyYarn - colour depending on the lake. Lichen is my favorite.
Rib: 6/0 Nanosilk or GSP
Hackle: Whiting Brahma Hen Mottled Brown or similar
Wingcase: Indian Hen tip, brown
Thorax: Aftershaft from Brahma Hen or dubbing
Legs: Mottled Brown Rubber Legs

TYING INSTRUCTIONS



1. Tie the thread back to the bend and attach a small tail using hen.
2. Tie in the PolyYarn at front and wrap over to the tail.



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3. Wrap PolyYarn forward, leaving two eye lengths space from the front.



4. Wrap the Nanosilk back to the tail on a diagonal.



5. Wrap the Nanosilk forward using firm pressure so it makes a cross pattern.



6. Isolate the tip of a hen feather and strip off the left side and tie in by the tip.



7. Wrap the hackle forward.



8. Tie in rubber legs two on each side.



9. Tie in the tip of a hen feather on top and adjust to length to suggest a wingcase. Leave as be or trim straight across.



10. Attach foam eyes using figure 8 wraps.



11. Take a few strands of the aftershaft or dubbing and twist onto thread. Using wax is easier as Nanosilk or GSP are slippery.



12. Wrap forward behind the eyes and whip finish.

13. Variation without rubber legs, using Black Nanosilk for rib.



Tight Lines & Good Luck!