

The Osprey Flybox *“The Ginger Stone”* *by Danie Erasmus*



*This month one of our guests made a great contribution to the newsletter. **Danie Erasmus** didn't just provide me with a sample of his fly and a description of the pattern, he took all the pictures you see here and completely formatted the whole thing leaving me only this brief introduction to add.*

*Danie has mentioned to me he has some more ideas for the upcoming newsletters and I look forward to seeing them, it's great to see such enthusiasm from a future member, **well done Danie!***

Depending on what the criteria are that defines when a pattern is a new pattern, there are probably hundreds of stonefly nymph patterns. Although the majority, if not all, of the golden stonefly nymph patterns are very effective in catching trout, I have not been satisfied with the colours of the dubbing used in tying them. This is especially true after observing the effect water has on the colour of dubbing. Water quite often changes the perceived colour of the fly making it a lesser imitation of the natural. After experimenting with a few different colours of sparkle dubbing, I produced the ginger stone. I unfortunately do not have a compelling anecdote to share about fishing with this fly, but I can assure that I have caught both rainbows and westslopes with it.

Any standard nymphing technique will work as long as your fly is presented on the bottom and drag free. I have used the ginger stone quite effectively on the Skagit and East Kootenay rivers using a 9 foot leader on a floating line. In high water conditions a 10 foot type III sink tip line and 6 foot leader have worked quite well too. Be sure to have several few flies with you since you will get snagged on the bottom quite often. If you don't get snagged on the bottom you are not in the zone – it comes with the territory. I haven't tried this pattern on Thompson river yet, but I am quite anxious to do so and if any of you try it before I can please let me know how you did with it.

TYING INSTRUCTIONS

Materials	
Hook:	#6 or #8 Tiemco 200R BL (barbless)
Head	3/16 gold bead for the #6 hook , 5/32 for a size 8
Thread	6/0 tan
Ribbing	copper wire
Tail	2 brown goose biots
Legs:	brown round rubber and light brown hackle fibers
Wingcase:	¼” tan scud back such as those made by <i>Hareline Dubbing Inc</i>
Under body:	synthetic wool
Over body:	Ginger dubbing (Super bright dubbing by <i>Wapsi</i> , code: SBD042)

Step 1

- String on the appropriate size gold bead onto hook
- Tie in the two brown goose biots to form the back antennae, make sure they form a nice wide V shape.
- Add copper wire for the ribbing of the abdomen



Step 2

- Tie in synthetic wool at the bend of the hook and form a nice body with a slim abdomen and slightly thicker thorax



Step 3

- By using a dubbing loop wrap the sparkling ginger dubbing to form the abdomen
- The abdomen should approx. cover 2/3 of the hook shank.
- In the opposite direction wrap the copper wire over abdomen and tie off.



Step 4

- Add on the front end of the abdomen light brown hackle fibers.
- The length of the fibers should be such that they are extending approx. to the back end of the goose biots.
- (OPTIONAL) You can curve the hackle fibers by placing the hackle fibers between your index finger and a sharp edge (e.g. scissor blade). Move your finger and the “sharp edge” from the front towards the tips of the hackle fibers. Be careful not to pull out the hackle fibers you tied onto the fly. This give the hackle fibers a nice curve to form the back legs



Step 5

- Cut a ½ inch long tan scud-back (¼ inch wide) and cut a V into both ends. This will form the wingcase
- Tie in the scud-back and make sure that the V-shaped end hangs slightly over the abdomen.
- The V-shape suggests the wing case of a stone fly nymph. This can be highlighted by making two marks on the V with a waterproof marker
- Add rubber legs on both sides of the fly



Step 6

- Add more sparkling ginger dubbing to form a thorax.
- Fold the front end of the scud-back back to form the front wing case
- Tie-off and add head cement

