

# OSPREY FLY BOX

## HUNTER'S TIPPET SHRIMP

contributed by  
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The Hunter's Tippet Shrimp is a shrimp imitation that was sent to me by a friend of mine from Washington state. It is a pattern that my friend has found quite successful for winter steelhead.

I have caught two fish on it but they were both summer run steelhead.

I have been intrigued by the fly as it has everything that a winter fly should have. It is bright and has a fair amount of movement.

A bit research on Google indicates that the "Tippet Shrimp" was developed by Bill Hunter in the mid 90's. The name was changed to Hunter's Tippet Shrimp to distinguish it from the Irish Tippet Shrimp.

It was originally developed on the east coast as an Atlantic Salmom fly. A successful producer, it found its way to the west



"Hunter's Tippet Shrimp" as Rick received it, in its original packaging.

coast where it is used as a steelhead fly.

A fly fisher from Nova Scotia suggests this fly be fished as follows:

*"The fly fishes best in runs with the traditional down and across method where there is active current. The current really makes the fly snake along. Alternately in calmer runs and pools, cast the fly slightly upstream followed by a downstream mend. Then retrieve with slow steady strips."*

I believe that if this pattern was reproduced as intruder, it could really be a dynamite fly for winter

steelhead.

The reason that I put this forward for the fly of the month is I would like more people to use it and see if it will produce here as well as its reputation in the United States.

## MATERIALS



Hook: Mustad 36890 or Tiemco 7999  
Sizes: #4

Thread: Fluorescent Orange

Tag & Rib: Silver Oval Tinsel

Tail: Orange Bucktail and  
Orange Krystal Flash

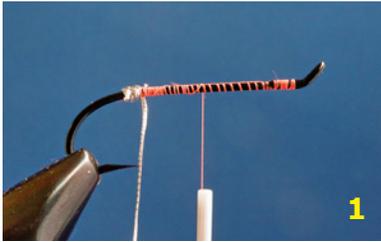
Body: Rear Half: Orange Chenille  
Front Half: Rusty Orange Seal Fur

Veil: Golden Pheasant Tippet

Collar: Pheasant Rump

**TYING INSTRUCTIONS**

*by Peter Chatt*



Debarb the hook.  
Lay down a thread base.  
Tie in the Silver Oval Tinsel.  
Make 3 or 4 wraps with Silver Tinsel and secure with thread.



Tie in the Orange Bucktail and a few strands of Orange Krystal Flash for the tail.  
Tie in the Orange Chenille in front of tag.  
Move the Silver Oval Tinsel half way up the hook and secure with thread.  
Wrap chenille forward to the half way point.  
Secure chenille and clip excess.



Wrap a veil of Golden Pheasant Tippets.  
Dub the front half of the body with Rusty Orange seal fur or a substitute coarse dubbing.  
Wrap the Silver Oval Tinsel forward to form rib.  
Trim excess.



Tie Pheasant Rump by the tip.  
Wrap several turns.

*The Finished Fly*



Tie off and clip excess.  
Form small thread head.  
Whip finish and add head cement.

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