

# *The Osprey Fly Box* *by Will Wright* *“L.H. Mayfly Nymph”*

This month **Larry Haines** shows us a fly he’s had great success with at White Lake the last few years. Simple to tie and a deadly pattern on clear mayfly lakes, this might be something we should all be tying for our fish out at Lac Le Jeune, seeya there?

“Back a few years while fishing on White Lake the chironomids suddenly stopped producing any strikes. A rain shower had just passed over and a few mayflies started coming off, with no apparent action on the surface. Switching to a monocoil line and a mayfly nymph brought immediate results. The fly charmed at least five fish within half an hour.

The material for the fly was "Whisper" a single strand mohair blend. Whisper gives a very realistic look when in the water. The eyes for the fly are either store bought or a short piece of mono heated at both ends to form the eyes. A short piece of wool can also be tied in for the eyes. Install a one inch piece and then trim when your fly is finished.

Whisper can be purchased in most needlework shops.”

Hook:	TMC 3769 sizes 8-14
Thread:	Mono
Eyes:	Melted mono or smallest plastic bead eyes
Butt:	Marabou or small filoplume
Body:	Whisper (Green, Grey, Tan, Brown)
Rib:	Fine Gold, Copper or Silver.
Hint:	Tie in a small piece of .010 lead along the back of the hook to give a little extra weight



“When fishing chironomids in White Lake the strikes sometime take place on a slow retrieve. Switching to this small mayfly nymph immediately increases results.

Fish the fly in the whole water column, from the bottom to the surface. Strip the fly very slowly mixing in a few quick pulls from time to time. If there is ripple on the water, strip right up to the boat. Some the takes are right at the surface.”