

OSPREY FLY BOX

RAY'S SPECIAL

contributed by Eric Lofkrantz

This fly was shown to me years ago while visiting in Creston.

I was taken out to fish from the shore of Kootenay Lake. It was a beautiful early summer day, the lake was calm and clear and no action showing on the lake.

I had heard of the trophy Gerrard trout of Kootenay Lake and was eager to catch one, but for this day, I was doomed to disappointment.

Not so for Ray, he didn't seem phased at all.

He had fished this lake many times and knew what to use. He attached this fly to about an eight foot leader under a float and tossed it in.

In the time we were there, about three hours including lunch, he got six, me none in spite of me using many different flies.

All I can say if fishing for Gerrards in Kootenay Lake close to or from shore and no action, give it a try it certainly worked that day.

MATERIALS



- Hook:** Mustad S80 – 3906 Size 8 - 12
- Thread:** Brown or Black
- Body:** Split Red Wool
- Rib:** Copper Wire
- Tail:** Pheasant Rump

TYING INSTRUCTIONS

Photography by Peter Chatt



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- Debarb the hook.
- Wrap a thread base on the hook.
- Tie in a small bunch of Pheasant Rump for the tail.
- Tie in copper wire.
- Tie in a single strand of split red wool.
- Wrap the split red wool forward to make a slender cigar shaped body. Leave room for the hackle and head.
- Wrap the copper rib forward to the eye. Tie off and clip the excess.
- Strip the fibers off one side of the brown hackle and tie in by the tip.
- Make two or three tight wraps of the hackle. Tie off and clip the excess.
- Form a small thread head.
- Whipfinish and add a drop of head cement.



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The Finished Fly



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