

OSPREY FLY BOX

Orange Stimulator

contributed by
Ed Stefanison

Next to the elk hair caddis, the stimulator is my favourite dry fly for river fishing rainbow trout. The original Stimulator was developed by legendary tier Randell Kaufmann from Wyoming. Like the elk hair caddis, there are infinite combinations of body materials and colours that can be used. Originally developed as a stonefly pattern it also emulates a grasshopper, caddis or large drake. The orange stimulator is my initial go to pattern on rivers. I have many fond memories using it on the Chilko river late August and early September. I hope you enjoy fishing this pattern as much as I do.



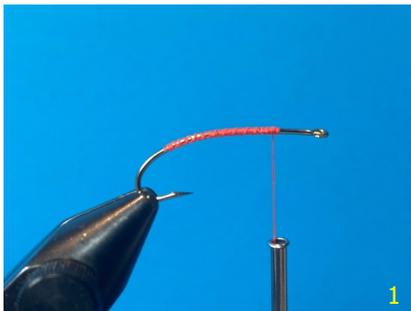
MATERIALS



List of Materials:

- Hook - Tiemco 200R Size # 8-12
- Thread - 6/0 Orange
- Tail - Natural Elk or Deer hair (short)
- Rib - Copper Wire Small
- Body - Orange Acrylic or Antron Yarn
- Body Hackle - Natural Brown Saddle (10-12 wraps)
- Wing - Elk or Deer hair (length of body)
- Thorax - Yellowish Orange Acrylic or Antron Yarn
- Thorax Hackle - Grizzly Saddle
- Legs (Optional) - Rubber legs (4) tie in one strand per side after thorax hackle is tied in

TYING INSTRUCTIONS



1. Place hook in the vise and start the thread at about the 1/4 mark, wind down to the bend of the hook and bring back to the 1/4 mark.

2. Take a small clump of Elk hair, remove the under fur, place in a hair stacker and even the tips. Tie in the hair to produce a small tail about a quarter of the length of the hook. Return the thread to the 1/4 mark. Remember to pull up on the fibres to keep them on top of the hook shank.



TYING INSTRUCTIONS

..... continued



3. Tie in the small copper wire down the side of the shank to the tail.



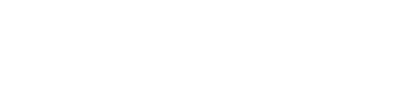
4. Tie in the orange antron yarn and return the thread to the 1/3 mark. Wind the yarn up to the thread and tie off.



5. Select a brown hackle and tie in by the stem. Wrap the hackle down to the tail between 10-12 even wraps. Grab the copper wire and counter rib the hackle up to the thread. Tie off and helicopter the wire to break it off. Trim the remaining hackle feather off at the tail.



6. Take a larger clump of Elk hair, remove the under fur, place in a hair stacker and even the tips. Tie in the hair at the 1/3 mark to produce a wing that goes about 3/4 the way into the tail. Trim to length and tie in. Remember to use looser wraps so as not to flair the wing. Build a little ramp of thread from the eye to the wing.



7. Select a grizzly hackle which is slightly larger than the brown hackle and tie in by the stem. Tie in the yellow/orange antron yarn. Return the thread to about an eye width back from the eye.



8. Wind the yellow/orange antron yarn to form a cone shaped head up to the eye. Remember to leave room to tie off without crowding the eye.

9. Spiral the grizzly hackle about 5 wraps up to the eye and tie off.

10. Build a small head and whip finish. Apply a dab of head cement and go fishing.



Tight Lines & Good Luck!