

# OSPREY FLY BOX

## NICOMEN BUGGER

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I came up with this fly after a disappointing day at Nicomen Slough.

I'd been fishing on a weekend in late October from shore with very little success using a variety of flies. Meanwhile the gear guy slightly downstream from me was getting bite after bite. I went down to him and asked what he was using that was so successful. He then showed me the Gibbs Croc spoon he was using and I took a picture of it. It was a stripped Green, copper and orange spoon with black bars on it. So I thought I'd come up with a fly hat had those colours incorporated into it.

I found an orange kind of copper bead at Sea-Run that I thought might work. I added the variety of Copper Flashabou as tail highlights to get the colouring I wanted to imitate the Gibbs Croc spoon.

The following weekend I headed back out to the slough to see how this creation would work. Well to say it was successful was an understatement!

After my third wild coho in a row, one on ever cast, the fly fisher beside me, who hadn't had a bite said "What was I using, and where could he get one?" I showed him the fly and gave him one to try. On his first cast with the Nicomen Bugger he got a nice hatchery Coho.

That day I had 3 Hatchery and 9 wild Coho, what a day.



### MATERIALS



- Hook:** Mustad 9672 3XL Streamer #6 -#10 (8\*)
- Bead:** Copper/Orange sized to match hook  
5/32" (4.0mm) to 1/8" (3.3mm)
- Thread:** Uni 6/0 Olive
- Tail:** Olive Marabou
- Tail Flash:** Copper, Holographic Copper and Copper/Black Flashabou
- Body:** Olive Palmer Chenille Medium



## TYING INSTRUCTIONS



1. Slide on the Copper/Orange bead on the hook. Attach thread, and cover the shank down to in line with the pinched barb and then back up to the bead. If the bead is loose then add Zap-A-Gap. Add 3 or 4 wraps of lead and slide into the bead. Reattach the thread.



2. Pinch a clump of Olive Marabou from the plume. Secure down to the bend. Pinch the Marabou to form a shank length tail.



3. Add a strand of Copper, Holographic Copper and Copper/Black Flashabou strips to each side of the Marabou.



4. Tie in the Olive Palmer Chenille at the start of the tail.



5. Wrap the Palmer Chenille up to the bead stroking the fibres back after every turn. Tie off and trim the excess.



6. Place a cut straw over the Chenille to protect from the head cement.



7. Place some head cement on the thread and whip finish.

*Tight Lines & Good Luck!*