



“Black Micro Emerger”

November 2009 Fly of the Month

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The Micro Emerger is a John Barr pattern, and can be found in his terrific book, "Barr Flies", which I highly recommend for some great basic patterns that should be in everyone's fly box. The Micro Emerger can imitate multiple bugs, including: baetis nymph, mayfly emergers, and midges which is likely why it works so well. It worked for me on the recent October 2009 CFFU outing up at Dunsuir to pick up a few fish. We stopped by the Redding Fly Shop on the way up, and the fish board noted "anything dark" for recommended flies for Upper Sac. This fit the bill nicely. Did I mention I like easy ties, and this qualifies except that I don't tie these in anything smaller than Sz. 20 due to my middle aged eyes. Can fish this fly as a trailer in basic nymphing or stripping flies. Another option is as a dropper under a dry fly and works equally as well. This pattern can be tied in other color schemes as well.

Tying Instructions

MATERIALS

HOOK: Dry Fly Size 18-24

THREAD: Black 6/0—8/0

TAIL: Black Hackle Fibers

ABDOMEN: Black Thread or Peacock Herl

WING CASE: Black Hackle Fibers

THORAX: Black Superfine Dubbing

LEGS: Black Hackle Fibers

1. **(Photo 1)** Start thread a couple of eye lengths back from the hook eye, and back to standard tie in position at the barb.



Photo 1



Photo 3



Photo 2

2. **(Photo 2)** Tie in tail using a small number of black hackle fibers, and continue a smooth body to approximately 3/4 of hook length. Don't worry about length of tail as will trim to size later.

3. **(Photo 3)** Tie in wing case using approximately another dozen black hackle fibers by their butt end.

4. **(Photo 4)** Use direct dubbing technique, and dub a small ball for the thorax. Remember to leave yourself some room at the eye to tie things off & make a thread head.



Photo 4



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Photo 5

5. **(Photo 5 and Photo 6)** Create the wing case by bringing the hackle fibers forward over the dubbing ball, and tie down with a couple of tight wraps. Don't trim off excess. Now split the hackle fibers in approximately two equal portions for the legs (half on side near you and the other half on the far side). You'll need to tie off each side separately with a couple of tight wraps. Try to keep the legs approximately at same level in line with hook shank. Whip finish the head. Trim off the legs so they're just slightly longer than the wing case. Trim off the tail approximately 1/2 length of hook shank. Coat the thread head and abdomen with thin layer of head cement.

You're done!

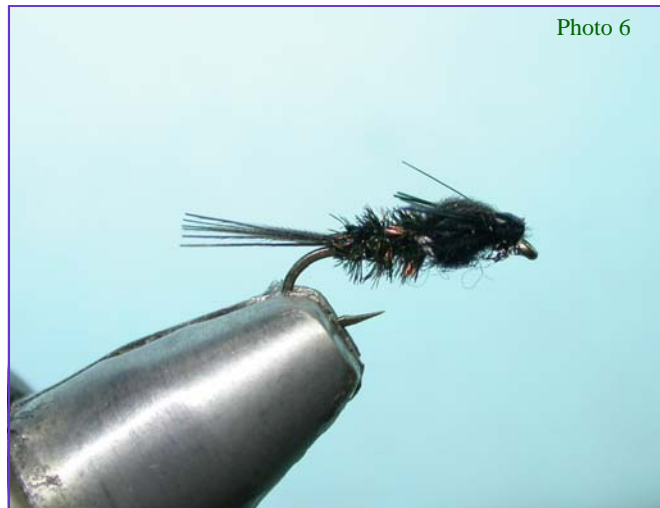


Photo 6

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