



“DAMSELFLY NYMPH”

June 2010 Fly of the Month

Tied and photographed
By *Jim Berdan*

Damselfly nymphs are a major food source for trout and are predominately found in slow or still waters. The nymph can spend over a year in this stage and can be found in weeds and other aquatic vegetation. They are not fast swimmers and until they ascend to the surface (emerge), stay close to the bottom. Their color will mimic their habitat which will range from light to dark olive. This fly can be fished with either a floating or a sinking line. With a floating line, I will suspend the nymph under either an indicator or an indicator fly. This version of the damselfly nymph is one of the simplest to tie. In addition to the hook and thread, there are only three other materials: marabou, wire, and a bead.

Tying Instructions

MATERIALS

HOOK: TMC 200R, size 12

THREAD: 8/0 Olive

TAIL: Yellow olive strung marabou

RIB: Gold wire, small

BODY: Yellow olive strung marabou

HEAD: Gold bead.

(PHOTO 1) Pinch the barb and slide the bead onto the hook shank and behind the hook eye. Start your thread behind the bead and lay down a solid thread base. Leave the thread just above the pinched barb.



Photo 1

(PHOTO 2) Select about 10 marabou fibers and tie them in on top of the shank. Do not trim the butts because they will be used to form the body.



Photo 2

(PHOTO 3) Tie in a length of gold wire and move the thread forward to behind the bead.



Photo 3

(PHOTO 4) Grab the tips of the marabou butts with hackle pliers and wrap the marabou forward around the hook shank to form the body. Tie off the marabou body behind the bead and trim excess.



Photo 4



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(PHOTO 5) – Counter wrap the gold wire forward and tie off behind the bead. Whip finish and apply head cement.



Photo 5

(PHOTO 6) – You are done.
Give it a try



Photo 6

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Photo 7

(PHOTO 7) – You can substitute mono eyes for the bead, but I would add six to eight wraps of .015 lead wire for weight.