



“MARCH BROWN WET”

June 2008 Fly of the Month

Tied and photographed
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MATERIALS

- ORIGINATOR:** Hal Jansen
HOOK: TMC 3761 #12 or 14
THREAD: Uni 6/0 or 8/0 brown or tan.
TAIL: Bolden Pheasant Tippetts.
RIB: Copper Wire
BODY: Hare's Ear or Possum Fur.
HACKLE: Brown Hen.
WING: Wooduck or Dyed Wooduck Mallard

The March Brown Wet is tied in a wet fly style. This pattern is a version of the Royal Coachman Wet and contains features of the Royal Coachman, the traditional March Brown and a Dark Cahill.

This spring fly is fished on a tight line swing, and if there are March Browns emerging, this fly fishes very well in tandem with other March Brown nymphs. This fly can be fished behind a dry fly at any time.

This fly was originally tied by Matt Stansberry of Eugene, Oregon.

Tying Instructions

1. **(Photo 1)** Start the thread at mid-shank of the hook and work back to just above the barb. Select six to eight golden pheasant tippet fibers and cut the fibers so that the black strips and tip are aligned. The length of the tail should be equal to the length of the hook shank. Tie in the tail and wrap back to just behind the eye. Next tie in a length of copper wire for the rib and wrap back to the tail tie-in-point.



2. **(Photo 2)** Now add the Hare's ear or possum dubbing body. The dubbing noodle should be tapered to give you a tapered body. Be sure to leave a little room behind the eye for the hackle and wing. Next run the copper wire rib forward and tie off.



3. **(Photo 3)** A relatively short soft hackle is added next. You can use either hen saddle or partridge. The hackle should be long enough to reach the point of the hook. Tie in by the tip of the feather just in front of the body; add three to four wraps, forcing the fibers to the rear of the hook, and tie off.



4. **(Photo 4)** The wing can be either Wooduck or Mallard flank dyed Wooduck Gold. I used the tip of the feather and tied it in on top so that the natural curve of the feather lays back over the hackle to the bend of the hook..



5. **(Photo 5)** Finally, whip finish and apply head cement.



There you go — a great spring time wet fly for the Lower Yuba River or any river where the March Brown pattern works.

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