



“THE THOR”

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MATERIALS

- HOOK:** Sizes 2 to 8 2XS, 1X1
- TAIL:** Hot Orange Hackle Fibers
- BODY:** Red/Glo-Orange Chenille
- THROAT:** Dark Furnace
- WING:** White Bucktail or Polar Bear Hair.
- HEAD:** Black.

Steelhead season is here!

The Thor is an older Winter Steelhead pattern and is a special one to me. It is the fly on which I caught my first (and largest) Steelhead on the American River.

Tying Instructions

1. Attach thread at rear of hook and tie in hackle fibers.. (Photo 1 at right)

Photo 1
The Thor



2. Use thumbnail to “defuzz” the end of a piece of chenille and tie in at the base of tail and wrap to within in an eye length of the eye. (Photo 2 at left)

Photo 2
The Thor



3. Tie in the Bucktail (stacked or unstacked, your preference) and secure. (Photo 3 at right)

Photo 3
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4. Use thumbnail to “defuzz” the end of a piece of chenille and tie in at the base of tail and wrap to within in an eye length of the eye. (Photo 4 at left)

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5. Form head (hopefully better than the one on this hastily tied fly.) Note that the head is fairly large. Bucktail is slick, so some care must be taken to make sure the wing doesn’t pull out. Cement or lacquer the head. (Photo 5 at right)

Photo 5
The Thor



At the 1974 CFFU Annual Dinner I was awarded the trophy for the largest American River Steelhead caught by a CFFU member during the preceding year. Wow! Was I embarrassed! I was pretty much a novice at the time while the likes of Joe Shirshac, Neil Hansen, Stan Inouye and many other club members were experienced veterans. I was very lucky. A couple of the attached photos show a walnut wood outline of the fish and the fly.

The Steelhead weighed 9 lbs, 8 oz and was 31 inches long.

