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Re: The 3 Hackle Dry Fly-Joe Humphreys

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Hi Jeff,

I don't know for certain, but I would guess a lot of the thought behind using 3 hackles comes from wanting a fuller hackled fly but not having the luxury of modern (much longer) hackle feathers. The bracing you are referring to might just be an artifact of the hackle fibers splaying into a mess from wrapping the second feather through, and then using the third to tame the lot. But I agree with you that JH likely thought it through more than that. You should try to track him down at one of the shows next year and ask. I've been fortunate enough to talk with him on a couple of occasions and found him to be a very approachable guy and a lot of fun to talk to.
Mike.