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Re: Dark Hendrickson

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afishinado wrote:

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dryflyguy wrote:

Pretty nice, although it looks like you made the body gray.

Male hendricksons - which I assume you're referring to by DARK - have a rusty red colored body.

You not getting senile DFG...you are correct.

The dark hendrickson is pattern that has been tied for many years, and I've never really understood why it is gray. It may work, like many other fly patterns, the exact color is seldom important.

The male hendrickson is ususally a brown/red brown color, while the female has a tan/sometimes pinkish body. A red quill (reddish brown quill tied in for the body) is a good imitation of the male. Most female versions use a dubbed tannish/pinkish body.

One other thing, hendricksons hatch from their shuck right on top of the water, therefore low floating patterns like comparaduns and parachutes work well, especially patterns that incorporate a trailing shuck. Also emerger patterns that sit in the film are often killer.

A Catskill tie that sits high on the water would be my last choice as a style of fly to use during a hendrickson hatch.

Excellent post.

Would you suggest a Catskill style for something like a QG which emerges on the stream bed and swims to the surfaces as a dun already?