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I strayed from the Catskill patterns for the Hendricksons and Quill Gordons in the early 70's. Not to underestimate their fish catching abilities, but they just didn't look like the real thing to me. So I bought a gray/dun hen neck and substituted cut wings and later used wing burners when they became available. I also used Mink tail guard hairs for the tail. The next step up was split tails. My hackle splays more than the Catskill tie, and is generally smaller (hook gap to hackle size). I still tie them the same way, but I use microfibetts for the tail. They float flush with the water.