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afishinado wrote:

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.

Without knowing the real answer, I can still guess.

You go back far enough, it was tied on maroon or crimson thread. The proper amount of hare dubbing, especially as it gets wet, will turn that the colour you've specified.

Now, people just use too much dubbing and default to black thread because they're stupid.

While I don't have written proof, I suspect very few flies in antiquity were tied exclusively on black thread (silk), as black has always been the weakest colour due to the fact that makers used black dye to cover imperfections.

Great theory. I would guess your guess is likely correct.