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Regarding hook size, during the 2008 cicada madness, I started out with size 8 hooks, but was getting a lot of missed fish because the foam was partly closing off the gape of the hook.

I guess I could have figured out a way to tie a neater foam body, but instead I just a bigger hook, i.e. size 6.

I just used black foam with ginger hackle to imitate legs, and orangish tan deer hair wings. That worked well.

The fish aren't very fussy when they are gorging on cicadas.