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I like Chaz's crane fly too. You can find it in the 2004 Fly Swap page. I used to tie mine like Bamboozle, because I figured the long swept-back hackle would look more like a crane fly's legs, but he's right that it doesn't float that great. Chaz's floats nicely and is more visible, and it works great. RLeeP's hackling sounds interesting, because it has longer hackle that would look like long legs, but is clipped on the bottom for better floatation. Chaz has a #14 orange one in the Fly Swap, but many of them (like those on Valley Creek now) are more like #16-18. And some crane flies are yellow, brown, or gray. I'm not sure if the wing is necessary, but I've started tying mine with gray Z-lon, just because it's easier to tie in.