

Soft Hackle Gold Ribbed Hare's Ear

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Materials:

Size 16 2x long nymph hook

orange thread, 8/0

body: hare's ear clipped from a full mask (critical to get the guard hairs poking through

when the fly is wet) rib: thin gold wire

hackle: brown partridge soft hackle

Comments: I think this fly imitates an emerging caddis pupa. Whatever the trout think it is, it's deadly! It works best on a swing and strikes always seem to occur right when it's nearing the surface. I find the soft hackle addition to the standard GRHE makes the fly 10x better. I also avoid the wing case and thorax "bulge" found in many standard GRHE patterns. When nothing is working, this is guaranteed to get a strike.

Species caught: brook trout, brown trout, and rainbow trout