



Bill Murdich's Murdich Minnow

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**Tying Directions:**

Place a Mustad 3361 size 1 hook (or similar) in vise.

Using white GSP thread, tie on a pencil width portion of white bucktail about 3 ½ inches long about one-third of hook shank up from the hook bend.

At the same tie point as above, tie in about 20 strands of pearl flashabou which extend about one-half inch past the end of the bucktail.

At the same tie in point as above, tie in about 20 strands of silver flashabou so that they extend about one-half inch past the end of the bucktail and about 1 ½ inch past the hook eye.

Tie a one inch long portion of white EP fibers (or similar) on each side of hook at same tie in point as above.

Pull back silver flashabou that extends beyond hook eye, tie down at same tie in point as above, and trim it to same length as EP fibers.

Tie in medium white chenille behind hook eye and wrap down shank to original tie in point, back to hook eye, then back down to original tie in point (I do this to give a head that has some bulk).

Tie in opalescent white estaz at rear of head and wrap forward using tight wraps to hook eye. Trim estaz as needed to give desired head shape.

Color top of head with gray marker.

Glue on ¼ inch silver eyes using Zap Gel.

**Comments:** Originally tied by Bill Murdich to fish for ocean-going stripped bass. Fishes well with variable stripping speeds but I prefer to strip it quickly. I like to fish it using a Type 5 Scientific Angler's full sinking line with a 4 foot long fluorocarbon leader but you can of course fish it using a floating line. The fly is approximately 5 inches long. I tie it 8 inches long (an extra 3 inches of flashabou) for northern pike.

Species caught: bluegill (!), channel catfish, hybrid stripped bass, largemouth bass, northern pike, and smallmouth bass