

Gray Drake Parachute



Class: Dun - Mayfly
Matches: Slate and Gray Drakes
Originator: Unknown
Source: Blue Ribbon Flies
See Tying Recipe

Clay's Notes

This Parachute Gray Drake dry fly is very visible to the fly fisher and very realistic to rising trout. It closely resembles a hatching or spent Gray Drake and lands upright more often than some other traditionally hackled trout fly patterns. You don't see these large mayflies that often on the Lower Yuba, but sometimes they are floating down the river and you say "What the heck is that?" If it's twice as big as any other mayflies you typically see it's a drake.

Gray Drake Tying Recipe

Hook: Dai Riki #300 #12
Thread: Danville 6/0 Olive
Wing: White Poly Fibers or White Calf Hair
Tail: Moose Body Hair
Body: Rabbit – 2 parts Burgandy, 1 part Gray, 1 part Black
Hackle: Medium Gray Dun

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