

# March Brown Sparkle Dun



**Class:** Mayfly Dun – Dry Fly

**Matches:** March Brown Duns

**Originator:** Craig Mathews and John Juracek

**Source:** Blue Ribbon Flies

## Clay's Notes

For anywhere that you are chasing March Browns and fishing the spring for Rhytrogenia hatches the March Brown Sparkle Dun should be in your box. This is a pattern that I would put into a March Brown Specialty "Match the Hatch" Box. This pattern was developed by Craig Mathews and John Juracek. They developed this pattern for slow-moving waters that were usually spring-fed. He noticed that under these conditions of clear visibility and slow movement that the fly imitations needed to be much improved for the selective trout that inhabited these waters. He used a wing of deer hair that flared in an arc so that the lowermost hairs supported the fly in the surface waters. The body was also heavily dubbed to help keep the fly in a horizontal position and had bunched deer hair for the tail. Craig Mathews and John Juracek in the mid 1980's went another step further by replacing the split tail with a trailing shuck of Antron or Z-lon. The fly transformed from a dun pattern into an emerger. They also used Antron for the body which helped in keeping the colors consistent when wet. One problem with the pattern is that they do not float long in turbulent water and should be used only in slow-moving waters. It is also important to select fine deer hair that limits the bulkiness of the tie-in position. Comparadun deer hair is taken from the leg of the deer. It is short with black tips and is solid, rather than hollow, which allows the hair to maintain a stiffness that keeps the hairs oriented in the proper direction. You can get assorted colors of comparadun deer hair as some will be a natural grayish dun, a mottled tannish brown, or a creamish tan. Some comparadun hair is dyed to a dun coloration.

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