

Mercer's Little Brown Bug



Class: Nymph – Little Brown Stonefly

Matches: Little Brown or Dark Stoneflies or Caddis

Originator: Mike Mercer

Source: The Fly Company

Clay's Notes

The Little Brown Bug has been the fly of the day many times on the Lower Sacramento. I discovered it while fishing with Mike Hibbard, my fishing guide friend and mentor. Mercer's Little Brown Bug is a fantastic imitation of the common and widespread Little Brown Stonefly (Nemoura) in its mature nymph life stage. It's got an iridescent bead head for profile and underwater flair, a tightly ribbed brown body, and shaggy barred wings and legs. The natural bend and slim quality of this little fly pattern make it the perfect to add to a rig with caddis nymphs.

Mike Mercer's Little Brown Bug

Hook: TFS 2500, sizes 14-16
Thread: 8/0 Tying Thread, brown
Bead: Glass Bead, gunmetal - match to size
Abdomen: Goose Biot, red quill
Legs: Partridge
Wing Pads: Thin Skin, brown
Antennae: Wood Duck
Thorax: Flash-A-Bou, pearl
Head: Bucaav Nymph Dubbina. dark brown

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