

Mercer's Skwala Nymph



Class: Nymph – Skwala Stonefly
Matches: Skwala Stonefly Nymphs
Originator: Mike Mercer
Source: The Fly Shop
See Tying Recipe

Clay's Notes

Mercer's Skwala has become my go-to nymph pattern from mid-February to mid-April on the Lower Yuba and other rivers with a good population of Skwala stoneflies. It is a semi realistic pattern that sinks quickly and fools even the larger trout. It is fairly easy to tie and is quite durable.

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Hook: TMC 2302 sixes 10 and 12
Thread: Olive UTC Ultra Thread, 70 denier
Bead: Tungsten, black. Match to size
Tail: Turkey Biot Quills, olive
Rib: Fine gold wire
Carapace: Thin Skin, mottled olive
Abdomen: Mercer's z wing caddis Buggy Nymph Dubbing*
Thorax: Same as abdomen
Wing case: Thin Skin, mottled olive
Legs: Silli Legs, olive/black flake or orange/black flake
Antenna: Ringneck Pheasant Tail fibers

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