

# X-Caddis - Olive



**Class:** Dry Fly – Caddis

**Matches:** Most any Caddis by matching the size and coloration of the natural

**Originator:** Craig Mathews

**Source:** Blue Ribbon Flies

## Clay's Notes

Because caddisflies tend to emerge very quickly, trout don't want to expend too much energy chasing them. Instead, the fish focus on those emergers that are crippled or are struggling to escape the nymphal shuck. The X-Caddis, developed by famed West Yellowstone guide and shop-owner Craig Mathews, imitates just such an insect, with a trailing shuck of Zelon and a splayed wing of deer hair. Because there's no hackle, the X-Caddis sits very low in the water, as if the bug is trapped in the surface film. All of these features make the fly attractive to feeding trout, and the pattern has proven itself effective over the years. I have them in my caddis box. They are some of my "Go To" flies when the caddis are hatching.

### Olive X-Caddis

**Hook:** Standard dry-fly hook (e.g. Dai-Riki #305), sizes 12-16.

**Thread:** Olive, or thread to match color of mayfly 6/0.

**Shuck:** Olive Zelon, or color to match mayfly, tan, etc.

**Body:** Olive dubbing (rabbit/Antron blend) or color to match color of mayfly

**Wing:** Natural deer hair, cleaned and stacked.

**Head:** Deer-hair butts.

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