

Winter Stoneflies

Tied by Jim Greco



Brown Stonefly
Nymph

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Adult

Black Stonefly
Adult

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Nymph

ABOVE PHOTO AND FLIES BY JIM GRECO



Little Black Stonefly
real bug size #20

Little Black Stonefly
Tied fly size #18

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Note: the adult dry fly patterns listed below are derived through Charlie Gelso's post publication efforts to improve this pattern. For those of you who do not tie, many fly shops now carry the stonefly adult provided by the Brookside Fly Company using Charlie's pattern **AS ADAPTED FROM CHARLIE GELSO'S AND LARRY COBURN'S BOOK – GUIDE TO MARYLAND TROUT FISHING, *THE- CATCH-AND-RELEASE STREAMS***

LITTLE BLACK STONEFLY - ADULT:

Hook: Mustad R-30/94833 #14 - #22.

Thread: 6/0 or 8/0 black.

Tails: none.

Body: black Superfine.

Thorax: black Superfine.

Wings: gray mallard quill (treated with Dave's Flexament) tied downwing style no more than ½ the hook gap distance wide. (Tip: use a hook two sizes smaller than fly to split quill wing to size)

Hackle: 3 ½ turns dark dun or dark grizzly, or black (sometimes the grizzly may be too bright).

LITTLE BLACK STONEFLY - NYMPH:

Hook: Tiemco 200R or Mustad AC80050BR size #14 - #22.

Thread: 8/0 black.

Tails: 2 strands of black Krystal Flash.

Body: #14 or #16 use Larva Lace, soft hollow midge tubing – black. For #18 though #22 use Hareline, hollow, micro tubing – black.

Thorax: Hareline dubbing, stonefly. Pick out sides for legs.

Weight: #14 - #16 use 4 or 5 wraps of .015 lead wire. #18 - #22 use 4 or 5 wraps of .010.

Wing case: Swiss Straw – black with drop of lacquer.

EARLY BROWN STONEFLY - ADULT

Hook: Mustad R-30/94833 -- #14 - #18.

Thread: 6/0 or 8/0 brown.

Tails: none.

Body: brown Superfine.

Thorax: brown Superfine.

Wings: dark gray mallard quill or mottled light brown turkey quill (treated with Dave's flexament) tied downwing style no more than ½ the hook gap distance wide. (Tip: use a hook two sizes smaller than fly to split quill wing to size)

Hackle: 3 ½ turns brown or dark dun.

EARLY BROWN STONEFLY - NYMPH:

Hook: Tiemco 200R or Mustad AC80050BR size #14, #18.

Thread: 8/0 brown.

Tails: 2 strands of black Krystal Flash.

Body: Larva Lace, soft hollow midge tubing – Brown.

Thorax: Haretron # 16 dark brown; pick out sides for legs.

Weight: #14 - #16 use 4 or 5 wraps of .015 lead wire.

Wing case: Swiss Straw – brown, with drop of lacquer.