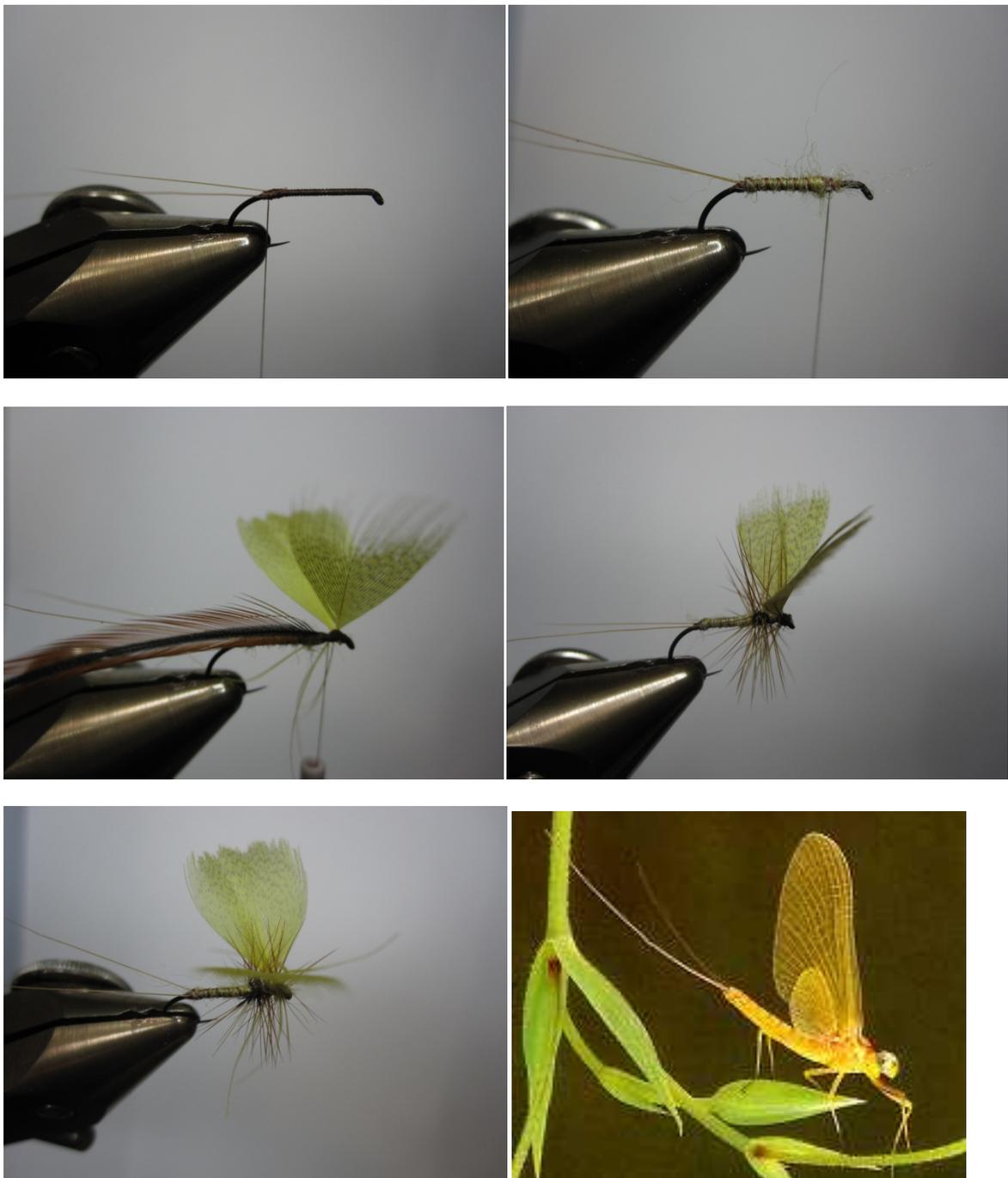


Andy's Yellow and Green Drake Dun Mayflies – June 2010

This is my version of the Yellow or Green Drake Mayfly. It has proved very effective for me and can be used from late May to September, particularly effective when the trout are rising to a natural mayfly hatch of course. Tied in yellow it also passes as a pretty respectable pale morning or pale watery dun.



Materials

Hook: TMC 103BL size 13

Thread 8.0 brown

Body: Niche No 41 pale olive (or Super Fine #2 pale morning dun) with brown 8.0 ribbing

Tails: Two brown fibbets

Hackle: Brown, ginger or green grizzle.

Wings: Grey Duck Breast died Yellow (or Green for the Green Drake)

Tying

- 1) Wind thread down body of hook in touching turns to just behind the hook point.
- 2) Tie in about 75mm of brown No.8 thread (or uni-french small gold ribbing) When you do, make a small 'ball' of thread to separate the tails
- 3) Tie in each fibbet to the side just behind the small 'ball' to cause it to splay out. Length about twice that of the body.
- 4) Dub on the pale olive and wind up to a point about 4mm from the eye
- 5) Wind on the brown thread (or gold ribbing) and tie off at the same point.
- 6) Tie in a ginger or brown hackle, width just greater than the hook gape.
- 7) Move the thread forward 2mm or so and tie in each wing at about a 45 degree angle to the body.
- 8) Wind on the hackle 4 turns behind the wings and 2-3 in front.
- 9) Tie off the hackle feather, build a small head and whip finish.

Tied this way it's a reasonably small fly but Yellow Drakes can be found with bodies ~ 20mm long, so hook size can be varied.

Fishing style is traditional dry-fly, but gink well beforehand and just leave it there. Yellow drakes most commonly hatch morning and evening but I've had fish take them all day. If you do see some activity near the fly it may be worth a small 'twitch' to attract the trout but it's pretty effective fished stationary...they'll find it!

Tight lines

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