

Tying Bench - Scud Fly *by Dana Griffin, III*

At SFF's October 21st meeting, Dana Griffin, III was our guest speaker and designated tier. Dana demonstrated 2 flies for us, The LA Freeway Fly which was published in last month's newsletter, and his Scud Fly which we have the pleasure of publishing this month.

Materials:

- Hook: wet fly or scud hook, sizes 10 or 12
- Thread: 8/0, color to match body
- Weight: .015" lead wraps
- Body: coarse dubbing (gray, tan, pink, green or orange)
- Shellback: clear mylar strip, plastic bag strip or scud back material
- Rib: fine copper wire

Tying Instructions:

1. Debarb hook and establish a thread base.
2. Wrap on lead wire (number of wraps is up to tier).
3. Tie in shellback and rib at bend of hook.
4. Dub body. The coarser the dubbing the better. You can manufacture your own dubbing by employing a spice blender. Cut 1/4" segments of yarn and place in blender. Blend until yarn is "fluffed" into usable dubbing. By blending various colors of yarn together, you can produce just the color you're looking for in your scud flies.
5. Pull shellback over dubbed body and secure at forward end of hook with a few thread wraps. Follow up with copper wire. Wrap wire over shellback and under dubbed body. Space the rib wraps to produce a segmented body.
6. Use a bodkin or dubbing brush to tease out some of the dubbing. This will help capture the silhouette of the living scud.
7. Finish fly with your favorite knot. Seal the thread head with a drop of cement (note: keep your head cement thin, not viscous, to insure that the cement penetrates the thread wraps down to the hook shank).



Dana's Scud Flies
Tied and photographed by Dana Griffin, III