

Tying Bench - Summer Tides *by Layne "Smitty" Smith*

At last year's CCA banquet, Robert Fischer showed some flies tied and donated by Cas Summers for the CCA auction. One fly in particular really intrigued Smitty. Bendbacks have always been a very successful inshore pattern and this one looked like a real winner. It took a lot of detective work for Smitty to match the colors and materials (with a couple of substitutions) for the fly and he added a "hot spot" (tag) with some red holographic Flashabou. I'll be tying plenty of these Summer Tides, I'm convinced this fly will be a killer; not only on the flats but also in the backcountry.*ED*

Materials:

- Hook: Eagle Claw 245N, Mustad C70S D bendback style size 1 - 2/0
- Thread: Black Flat-waxed Nylon
- Tag: Red Holographic Flashabou
- Body: Holographic Gold Body Braid (or regular Gold, Copper or Pearl your choice)
- Underwing: Badger Hair
- Flash: Polarflash Chartreuse (Hedron #2016)
- Wing: Russian Black Squirrel Tail (or Black Bucktail)

Tying Instructions:

1. Tie in Red Flashabou using 2 or 3 turns for tag.
2. Tie in Body Braid and wrap forward to bendback portion of hook, secure and cut off remainder.
3. Invert hook in vise (if you have a rotary vise, just turn over) and tie in Badger Hair 1 ½ to 2 times hook shank length.
4. Tie in Chartreuse Flashabou using V-style method to distribute it evenly over top and sides of Badger.
5. Tie in Squirrel Tail (or Bucktail) wing. Keep it sparse.
6. Tie a nice head and coat with favorite head cement. (You can add small eyes if you like before cementing.)

