

Bruce Evensen: Ray's Fly



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This is the January Fly of the Month for the Weedon Island Preserve outing. To match the "hatch" tie this fly about 2.5 to 3.5 inches long. "Ray's Fly" is named after Ray Bondorew, author of *Stripers and Streamers*. Don Coleman calls attention to it on page 3 of his booklet, *Wading the Saltwater Flats with a Fly Rod*, which is given to every new member of Suncoast Fly Fishers.



Materials

Hook: #1 or 1/0 short shank live bait hook.

Body: Silver braid or Mylar wrap.

Wing: white, yellow, olive bucktail.

Red thread: flat waxed nylon.

Eye: Black dot -sharpie.

Tying Steps

Step 1: Wrap hook shank with thread from hook eye to hook barb.

Step 2: Wrap with silver braid or Mylar wrap.

Step 3: Tie on a sparse amount of white bucktail then two pieces of pearl flash.

Step 4: Tie on a sparse amount of yellow over the white. Yellow should be slightly longer than white. Tie two more pieces of pearl flash.

Step 5: Tie on sparse amount of olive bucktail. Should be slightly longer than the yellow.

Step 6: Make a small head of thread, use sharpie to dot on the eyes.

Step 7: Apply epoxy to the head.

Step 8: Go fishing.