

# Borcher's Drake



## Recipe

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| Hook:   | Mustad #94840                                    | Size: 8-16 |
| Thread: | Black, 6/0                                       |            |
| Tail:   | 3 Pheasant Tail Fibers, tied slightly long.      |            |
| Body:   | Mottled Brown Turkey Quill Fibers.               |            |
| Wing:   | Light Blue Dun Hackle Tips, upright and divided. |            |
| Rib:    | Crisscrossed thread.                             |            |
| Hackle: | Brown & Grizzly, mixed.                          |            |

*Tying Tips:* Standard techniques are used. I prefer a #94833. I also prefer to lacquer the body. Today's most popular version uses a tail of 3 moose mane hairs in place of the pheasant tail fibers. Some variations include a rib of fine gold wire. There is a parachute version (white post) that seems to be the most popular version to fish with today.

*Fishing Tips:* An excellent generalized dark pattern used for *Ephemerella*, *Isonychia*, *Leptophelebia* and *Siphonurus sp.*

*Historical Note:* This pattern was originally created by Ernie Borcher back in the 1940s. Ernie Borcher was a fly tier and Au Sable River guide. The original was supposedly tied with condor tail feather fibers. His daughter however denies this, claiming that Ernie always tied it with turkey. I have one of his flies in my possession and it is tied with crisscrossed threads.

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