

Catau's Brown Drake

Recipe



Hook: Mustad #94840 or #94842
Size: 10-12
Thread: Black or Brown, 6/0
Tail: Pheasant Tail Fibers, two, tied slightly long.
Body: Pheasant Tail Fibers
Wing: Furnace, tied upright & divided
Hackle: Furnace

Tying Techniques: Standard techniques. The pheasant tail body is very delicate and will be torn apart after a couple of hits; therefore you'll want to lacquer the body (I use clear finger nail polish). Head cement fore and aft.

Fishing Tips: Used during the brown drake hatch (*Ephemera simulans*), which comes off just a couple of weeks before the 'hex' hatch. Fished late nights.

Also used during the slate drake hatch (*Isonychia sadleri*), during June and July. Fished just before dark.

Historical Note: Another great pattern tied by Michigan's Dan Catau. Dan was a professional tier for over 40 years. He's now retired and lives in Washington, Michigan. Dan created this pattern back in the 1980s.

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