

Griffith's Gnat



Recipe

Hook: Mustad #94840 or #94833 Sizes: 14-28
Thread: Olive, 6/0
Body: Peacock Herl
Rib: Grizzly, palmered over the body

Tying Tips: Hackle may be trimmed so that the fly sits lower in the surface film of the water.

Fishing Tips: Good for many species and orders of insects including, *Chimarra*, *Chironomids* and *Diptera* hatches. This is an excellent general purpose fly that can even be fished wet. Works best in slow, flat waters.

Historical Note: Over the years this fly has erroneously been attributed to George Griffith, one of the founding fathers of Trout Unlimited. Bob Summers, a renown builder of Tonkin Cane rods, was a close personal friend and fishing buddy of George Griffith. Bob says, "George did not invent the fly, he told me that more than once." The fly, reportedly was shown to George back in 1939, by a man named Walt Shaw. It became one of George's favorite patterns to fish with, hence the name. Whether Mr. Shaw created the fly or not is not known.

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