

# Jeff's Para Drake



## Recipe

Hook: Mustad #94840 Size: 10-14  
Thread: Black or Gray, 6/0  
Tail: 6-8 Moose Mane Fibers  
Body: Fly-Rite #27 Speckled Dun/Light  
Hendrickson Dubbing.  
Ribbing: Brown, 3/0 Monocord  
Wing: Gray Antron Carpet Fibers, tied post.  
Hackle: Medium Dun

*Tying Tips:* Standard techniques. I prefer to tie in the wing post first and then the dubbing.

*Fishing Tips:* Can be used for the early or late Gray Drake hatches that run from May through July. This fly can be used as a dun or spinner. "The Gray Drake spinner doesn't fall spent in the classic 'spread eagle' position, but rather lands in odd positions, which may be better represented by this fly."

*Historical Note:* This pattern was designed by Jeff Bonin around 1993. Whenever he gets the chance, he fishes the prolific Gray Drake hatches on the Muskegon River with this pattern. Most of Jeff's time today is spent running his business; 'Steelhead Connection Custom Flies,' out of North Muskegon, Michigan.

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