

Michigan Hopper



Recipe

Hook:	Dry Fly XL	Sizes: 4-14
Thread:	Black, 6/0	
Tail:	Red Duck Quill, tied in a 'V'	
Body:	Yellow Chenille, tapered.	
Wings:	Mottled Turkey Wing, tied flat, down over the body.	
Hackle:	Brown	

Tying Tips: Please note the hook in the photo --- it is brass in color. We have no idea what the original hook was however we do know that tiers back in this period used what ever was expedient for them.

Fishing Tips: This fly is deadly after the grasshopper season starts.

Historical Note: The fly, was originally created by Art Winnie of Traverse City, Michigan. Art was a barber who's shop was located on Front Street in the down town area. It is said that Art actually tied flies right in his barber shop. Mr. Winnie developed this fly in 1921 or earlier. It slowly evolved and became popularized by Mr. Joe Brooks (see Joe's Hopper). It has been suggested by most fly historians that this was the very first dry fly ever tied with a turkey feather wing. This is an original fly actually tied by Art Winnie. It comes from a small collection of flies owned by Mr. Tom Gauthier.

Tier: Art Winnie

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