

FLY OF THE MONTH

Bob's Maroon Chironomid

By Bob Percy

Here is a chironomid pattern that I have had good success with on Browns, Hebggen and Georgetown Lakes. It has the general characteristics of many chironomid patterns but is somewhat unique in using a maroon (hard to find) or brown glass bead and maroon floss for the abdomen. I like to experiment when tying and I just happened to have this material at hand. Red, black and brown are common chironomid colors and maroon may come close enough to mimic all of these colors. I generally fish it as the lower fly of a tandem fly rig under an indicator set so the fly is about a foot off the bottom. I generally let it sit for a minute or so and then retrieve it very slowly with a hand twist retrieve. Usually the other fly is some other chironomid pattern but I get the majority of the fish on this one. For lack of a better name I will call it the Bob's Maroon Chironomid (there are a few other maroon chironomids out there, notably one by Brian Chan).

Recipe:

Hook	Tiemco 2457 size 12, 14 or 16
Gills	White Zelon tied so the bead slides up over it
Bead	Maroon or brown glass bead
Abdomen	Maroon floss
Ribbing	Silver wire
Thorax	Peacock herl

