

Fly of the Month

Parachute Black Ant

Tied by Bob Pearcy

Ants seem to be a cherished part of a trout's diet. Occasionally there will be big ant hatches but more often trout will take them opportunistically after they fall into the water. An #18 or #20 black ant is almost impossible to see on the water so the post serves to increase visibility. With it you will most likely be able to see the fly even at the end of a moderately long cast. The fly sits in the film and presents a realistic ant-like profile to the fish. This basic pattern can be tied with brown or rust dubbing and brown hackle to imitate a cinnamon ant, or with hackle tip wings tied in at the thorax to imitate a flying ant. Try a two-tone ant!



Recipe

Hook: Standard dry fly, size 16 to 22

Thread: Black 8/0

Thorax and Abdomen: Black
Superfine dubbing as balls
fore and aft. Separate them
by the hook shank covered
with a single layer of thread.

Post: Floating polypropylene yarn in
a color of your choice

Hackle: two to three turns of black
hackle. Keep it sparse

Head: Black thread