

Fly of the Month

Phil's Skwala By Phil Romans

This fly has been developed with the help of a lot of people: Greg Chester, Dennis McIntyre, John Foust, and so on. The main difference with my version is that it's a lot smaller than the average Skwala. Since we get actually three hatches during this season, the Skwala, the Nemoura, and the Capnia (all stoneflies in varying sizes), I decided to go with a thin wire, long shank hook in a size twelve, and even a fourteen. It may imitate either a small Skwala or a large Nemora therefore covering two hatches that co-occur, or can be modified slightly to fit either hatch more closely. I had my best year ever last year using this fly during the Skwala hatch. It floats really well, and presents a thin, low profile, and it's a killer although it can be hard to see.



- Hook: Montana Fly Co. 7022
2XL Wire
(Hopper/Attractor)
Size 10,12,14
- Thread: Olive 6/0
- Body: Olive Foam (wrapped)
- Egg Sac: Black Foam
- Wing: Olive or Gray Wing
Material
- Post: Orange or White
Polypro yarn
- Hackle: Olive
- Hint: Keep the body and
wing thin