

Emulator:

Materials Needed:

Hook: Daiichi 2461 size 1/0 or other large streamer hook 3xl or longer
Tail: Copper flashabou and Tan Grizzly Marabou
Body: Emu Feather wound tightly forward
Hackle: Schlappen, usually brown or olive
Pectoral Fins: A clump of mallard flank feather fibers tied on either side of fly
Head: Clump of Australian possum fur or ram's wool.

Steps for tying this fly:

- 1. Cover the hook with thread and bring thread to the beginning of the bend.
- 2. Tie in a tail of tan or olive grizzly marabou; splay one feather to each side. Add a little flash if you would like (but this fly works just fine plain).
- 3. Tie in the schlappen feather by the tip.
- 4. Tie in the emu feather, wind it forward to about 2/3 the way up the hook.
- 5. Wind the schlappen through the emu.
- 6. Tie in a collar of mallard flank feathers or use clumps of mallard as pectoral fins.
- 7. Tie a clump of thick Australian possum or ram's wool as a head.
- 8. Finish the fly.

Comments: Originally devised years ago as a smallmouth bass fly, this fly became a favorite steelhead fly and I still rely on it at times today.