

Mark's Minnow

Forage Fish



Mark Olinger: “When the trout are munching on the young of the annual “minnow bloom” during late summer and early fall, this becomes the fly to use. A 25-inch brown and numerous rainbows fell for this fly at Tokaryk Lake, in Manitoba, during its maiden voyage. I tied the first Mark’s Minnow in my pickup, while parked at Tokaryk. I had mentally created the pattern during the drive to the lake that morning.”

Pattern

Hook	1X to 3x long nymph, sizes 6 - 10
Thread	Olive 3/0 Monocord
Tail	Olive grizzly marabou (trailing end of wing)
Rib	Fine gold wire
Body	Pearl, silver or gold Diamond Braid
Back	Same marabou feather as the tail, pulled forward and formed along top of body. Wound down with gold wire ribbing.
Hackle	Olive dyed grizzly

Tying Instructions:

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1. Tie in tail
2. Tie in rib
3. Tie in body and wind forward, over-wrapping each previous wrap slightly
4. Wind rib forward
3. Bring wing forward and tie off
4. Tie in hackle by tip, make 3 wraps, tie off and finish head.



Backswimmer Time!