Trimmer Line Skater

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Recipe

Hook: Daiichi #1710, size 6

Thread: Orange, 6/0

Extension: .080" trimmer line

Body: Superfine dubbing,

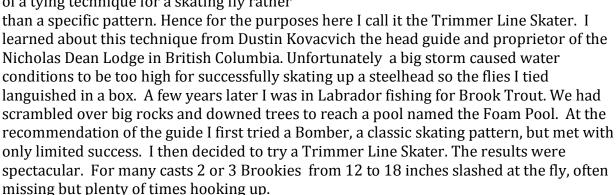
October caddis orange

Hackle: Grizzly dyed brown

Rib: Gold wire, small

Wing: Elk hair

This fly is presented more as a demonstration of a tying technique for a skating fly rather



Skating flies are designed to be dragged across the surface to create a wake but unfortunately it is fairly easy to pull them under.

The Trimmer Line Skater avoids this problem by tying the elk hair wing on an extension in front of the eye rather than on the hook shank behind the eye. This causes the front of the fly to tilt upward minimizing the chances that it will be dragged under. The extension is a piece of "weed whacker" (trimmer) line lashed to the hook shank. By varying the size and colors, several different bugs of importance in our area can be simulated. These include the Motorboat Caddis on Georgetown Lake, October Caddis and of course Steelhead on the Salmon river.

