

# Fly of the Month

## Phil's Chironomid

by Phil Romans



### Recipe

Hook: Mustad C535 size 14 or Tiemco 200R, size 14

Thread: Red, 8/0

Bead: Brass, painted white

Gills: White Zelon or Antron

Collar: Peacock herl (optional)

Abdomen: Red Super Floss or red thread, coat with head cement

Rib: Copper wire, fine

I usually fish this fly at Georgetown Lake shortly after "Ice Out". I put my forceps on my fly, drop the fly and forceps to the bottom, and then move my indicator down so the fly will be suspended six to eight inches above the bottom. If you have a slight breeze, then the wave motion is enough to move the fly up and down. If not, then common knowledge is to move the fly as slow as you can, and then divide that speed by half.

For more information on chironomids, you may want to refer to a book by Philip Rowley "Fly Patterns for Stillwaters".

I learned a lot from Denny Westover too, so don't be shy about asking Denny about using these amazingly effective flies on any lake. Doug Duff, Jay Melzer and I had an incredible day on Clark Canyon Reservoir using much smaller chironomids (black with a black tungsten bead and a silver rib in a size 16 ring-eye, emerger-type hook such as a Dai Riki #125). Most of the forty or so fish we caught were over three pounds.