Fly of the Month

Isonychia Nymph

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Recipe

Hook: Tiemco 2302, #8. Thread: Rusty brown, 8/0.

Tail: Two brown ostrich herl tips.

Abdomen: Rusty brown dubbing plus ostrich herl tied in at the tail

and wrapped forward. Tie off

just behind thorax.

Thorax: Rusty brown dubbing tied in

a ball ahead of abdomen

Legs: Pheasant tail fibers tied in at the back

of the thorax.

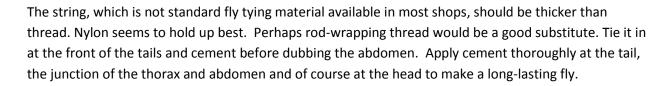
Back: White nylon "string" tied in at tail

and brought forward over

abdomen and thorax. Wrap the tying

thread over the string at the thorax and then bring it forward to the head.

Head: Rusty brown thread.



Isonychia Nymphs swim to shore or to shallows where they emerge after climbing out on rocks. Thus the duns are not available to trout. The nymphs are strong swimmers facilitated by their gills and tails and can even swim upstream in strong currents. Swinging a nymph like the one above can be effective in simulating their swimming behavior.

