

## Bird's Nest

**Fly type:** Attractor

**Originator:** Cal Bird

**Tied by:** Bob Souza



**HOOK:** Heavy wire, 1X or 2X long, sizes 8 to 16

**THREAD:** Tan 6/0.

**WEIGHT:** Lead wire (optional).

**TAIL:** Mallard or teal flank feather fibers dyed bronze or natural bronze mallard.

**RIB:** Small copper wire.

**ABDOMEN:** Dubbing color, tan, gray, olive, brown, and cream.

**HACKLE:** Mallard or teal flank in bronze.

**THORAX:** Same color as abdomen.

1. Add lead wire if you want fly weighted. Tie thread in and taper both ends of lead with thread wraps. Tie in tail fibers about three quarter shank length. Trim off fiber butts. Tie in copper wire.
2. Dub a slightly tapered abdomen up two thirds of shank. Rib the abdomen with five or six turns of copper wire. Tie copper wire off and half hitch thread.
3. Strip off a section of feather for wing, even tips. Feather should reach to bend of hook.
4. Hold feather on top of hook and wrap two loose loops of thread. Roll feather with thumb and finger around hook pull thread tight and secure with tight thread wraps, cut fiber butts.
5. Dub thorax over front third of shank. Finish with a thread head and cement.

Fish this one for trout in rivers and still waters. It also works on bass.

Happy Fishing,

*Bob Souza*