

**Fly of the Month**

*By Mike Ott*

**Primrose & Pearl Midge**

This midge is a top producer in the White River System from Lake Taneycomo to the White and the Norfolk Tailwaters. Originated by River Run Outfitters in Branson, this midge fishes well on sunny days, but will produce at any time. While basically a thread midge, the addition of pearl Flashabou adds depth and translucence to an already classic midge pattern.



Hook: DaiRiki 135 or other scud/midge hook #14-20  
Bead: Appropriately-sized Copper Tungsten  
Thread: 14/0 Primrose – a soft buttery yellow  
Body: Tying thread and pearl Flashabou  
Ribbing: Small Copper wire

- 1) Put bead on hook, secure hook in vise, and start thread behind bead.
- 2) Start thread toward hook bend about 4 or 5 turns and tie in wire rib starting just behind bead. Continue wrapping thread over hook and wire as a single layer to hook bend.
- 3) Tie in Flashabou at hook bend and make another layer of thread to the bead.
- 4) Wrap one layer of Flashabou over the thread body to behind the bead. Tie off and trim excess.
- 5) Wrap an evenly-spaced rib of copper wire to the bead. Tie off and trim excess.
- 6) Whip finish thread and trim.

This midge is best fished under an indicator anywhere from 6 inches to 6 feet deep depending on where the fish are. It can be fished as a top fly with an unweighted midge behind it or as the dropper behind a bigger fly during higher water flows.