

Fly of the Month

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Davy Wotton's SLF Emerging Caddis

With the Sowbug Roundup in Mountain Home, AR quickly approaching, attention turns to the fabled green caddis hatch on the White River. Who better to create a truly killer caddis emerger pattern for Arkansas trout than Davy Wotton. This fly really comes to life when wet.

Hook: TMC3761 #14-16

Bead: Silver or Black Tungsten

Thread: 8/0 Black or Brown

Body: Olive, Tan, or Brown SLF Dubbing

Wing: Cream Swiss Straw

Legs: Brown Mottled Hen Neck or Hungarian Partridge

Collar: Chocolate Brown or Fox Squirrel Back SLF Dubbing



- 1) Place bead on hook and secure in vise.
- 2) Start thread behind bead and advance to hook bend.
- 3) Dub a rather substantial body of SLF to about $\frac{3}{4}$ point on hook shank.
- 4) Trim a folded-over section of swiss straw so that it has a rounded V at the end.
- 5) Tie in on top of hook extending about $\frac{1}{4}$ past the end of the hook. Trim excess.
- 6) Tie in hen neck or partridge feather by the tip and make two wraps while brushing back down the body.
- 7) Dub a collar to cover the material tie in point and to make a smooth transition between the fly and the bead.
- 8) Whip finish and trim thread.

Tie it in any color you like as long as it is Caddis Green for the spring emergence in Northern Arkansas. Fish it down deep and let it swing up at the end of your drift. It also works as an anchor fly to drag soft hackles down to fish-eye-level.