



Michigan Fly Fishing Club

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Fly of the Month

For this month's fly pattern we are going part way around the world for a unique nymph pattern from the country of Bulgaria. While looking at flies on the internet, I came across this fly pattern, and other fly patterns from this tier known as the "Shark." The pattern we will be looking at is called "Shark's Caddis Larva" by Radoslav Kiskinov.

This young master and realistic tier from Bulgaria, did not start in this crazy world of fly tying and fly fishing until 2000. When you look at his patterns that are out on the internet, you would think he has been tying a lot longer than he has. Some of this tier's other amazing patterns are: Shark's Wasp, Domestic Fly, and The Simplest Fly, just to name a few. Radoslav is the webmaster of the www.akulata.com, which is the biggest Bulgarian fly fishing website. He mentioned his sole purpose is to make fly fishing more popular in Bulgaria. Aside from being webmaster, his typical day consists of tying flies, fishing, writing about his fishing adventures, and selling fly fishing products. That would be a dream job for pretty much all of us. He mentioned he likes to fish dries, wet flies, nymphs, and streamers throughout

the whole year. The waters he enjoys are basically any place you can cast a fly - a river, a lake, or even a reservoir. Anything his fly will take, is his favorite fish.

This month's fly is a very easy fly to tie, but when the fly gets wet, the appearance is so realistic it is really extraordinary. The fly was created back in 2005 when he was trying to get the exact resemblance of a real insect. Once it was tied, he had a hunch that it was going to be a huge hit with the inhabitants in the waters below. After trying it in a glass of water, he headed for the big waters — it was fish approved instantly. This fly's is the body of twisted Antron Yarn with Hare's Hair makes a very realistic imitation. One good thing is it is an easy fly to tie, also it doesn't take more than a couple of minutes to tie it. Radoslav mentioned you can tie brown Antron yarn for the thorax instead of using peacock herl. This he does because of the insects in some of the waterways in Bulgaria sport brownish colors in the thorax area.

When fishing this pattern you can fish it like a normal nymph pattern with a cast and drift down into the zone, but he mentions a tuck cast to get the fly down into the zone faster. Another way to effectively use this fly is on a Czech nymph rig. Presented single or with a rig, it should be a big hit below the surface with the water's residents.

Until next month, Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and Tight Lines and Snazzy Flies.

Shark's Caddis Larvae



2 tied flies with the real insect

HOOK: Curved Scud Hook, Sizes 10 to 16

THREAD: Black 70 Denier or 7/0

HEAD: Gold Bead to match the hook size

BODY: Antron yellow and Hare's under fur dubbing hair

THORAX: 2 peacock herls (or dark brown Antron)

OPTIONAL: Other Colors for Antron in body – Lt. Green or Tan.