

# Fly of the Month

*The Versatile and Easy to Tie Mylar Minnow*

The fly selected for the Tie Along at the October 19 Activities Meeting is the Mylar Minnow as tied by Sybil Hunter. This fly, originally developed in Texas, is easy to tie and very effective in warm water fisheries.

The bead-chain eyes enable the fly to swim effortlessly and sink slowly, giving it a more natural appearance in the water. Used on a sinking-tip line and retrieved with short strips, the fly will rise and drop, enticing fish to ag-



gressively strike it, particularly bluegills in May and June.

Size 12 hooks are ideal for panfish, but size 10 or 8 will limit strikes to larger bluegills and pumpkinseeds while also attracting largemouth bass, crappie, an occasional perch and even northern pike.

The most common colors are red thread, red bead chain eyes, white Chenille, and silver Mylar chord. But the patterns and combination you can tie are almost limitless, with the tail being especially easy to dress or extend.



*A 9-inch bluegill that was hooked with a Mylar Minnow*

**October 19 Tie-Along**

## *Mylar Minnow*

**HOOK:** Mustad 9672 or Daiichi 1720, sizes 8 to 12

**THREAD:** Red 6/0 red (140 denier)

**Eyes:** Medium silver, red or gold bead chain

**Body:** Medium Ultra Chenille

**Back and Belly:** Small or medium Mylar chord

**Tail:** Teased-out Mylar cord and added Krystal Flash if desired