GREEN DRAKE WET FLY

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Hook: curved, 2x wide, 2x heavy, like a TMC2457, #8-10

Thread: Yellow or Olive 6/0

Hackle: Brown Partridge and Cream Hen

Shuck: Brown Antron or Z-lon

Ribbing: Dark Brown tying thread wrapped over abdomen and back fibers

Abdomen: Pale yellow embroidery thread

[Back: Brown marker]

Thorax: A mix of yellow and cream rabbit Dubbing and white Antron fibers for flash

Attach the hackles near the eye. As you wrap the thread back towards the bend, tie in an appropriate length of lead beneath the hook so that the fly is butt heavy. Tie in the shuck, ribbing, and embroidery thread. Bring the thread forward. Taper the thread toward the head. [Mark the back from butt to head.] Tie in the ribbing. Dub the thorax. Wrap the partridge and then the cream hackles, one turn for each. Complete head.

Presentation Tips: Using the Leisenring lift is effective, but I prefer tight line nymphing with a jerky swimming lift. According to Cauci, these bugs are wasting little time between climbing out of the goo and breaking thru the meniscus. Fish are either fearless when you're fishing this fly, or they're sated. You don't have to worry about getting too close to them.



