Osprey Fly Box

Clark's Kiwi Cicada

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Having spent a considerable amount of time in New Zealand both as teenager and more recently visiting family I have had some amazing fishing experiences. Without a doubt fishing Cicadas are the favourite pattern that I fish when there. While I specifically mention New Zealand, Cicadas can be found in most US states as well as BC primarily during the fall months of September thru early October.



The Cicada season is eagerly awaited by anglers who enjoy fishing a large dry fly. The Cicada is a large bumbling insect and will often fall into the water from the backside vegetation which is their natural habitat. Once in the water they float and struggle to get back to land and so send a dinner bell to any nearby Trout. Trout take these large insects in very splashy rises. When they are about in numbers Trout will often concentrate on them to the exclusion of other food sources.

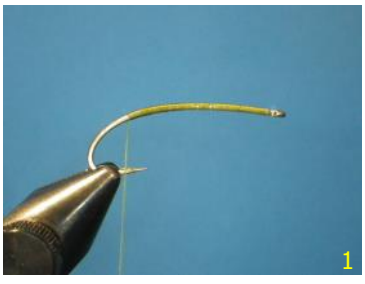
Cicadas can be found throughout NZ during the warm weather and are easy to identify when they are around from their loud incessant chirruping.

Materials



Hook:	Tiemco 2312 or TMC 200R, Size #4 to #12
Eyes:	Black Mono Filament
Thread:	Uni 6/0 Olive
Body:	Olive Deer Hai *(Brown, Grey & Tan Options)*
Under Wing:	Krystal Flash Pearl
Over Wing:	Pearl Web Wing, Florist Ribbon or Organza
Collar:	Olive Deer Hair
Head:	Olive Deer Hair
Legs:	Sili Rubber Legs Green-Orange *(Optional)*

Tying Instructions





1. Start the thread on the hook just behind the eye and cover the shank down to inline with the crushed barb.
2. Cut a small clump of Deer Hair from the hide and remove the under fur. Clip the tips off and spin the Hair on to the hook.
3. Cut a slightly larger clump of Deer Hair from the hide and remove the under fur. Clip the tips off and spin the Hair on to the hook. Continue this process to about the 1/3rd point of the hook shank. Whip finish and cut the thread.
4. Remove the hook from the vise and clip the Deer Hair into a large bug body. Clip the Hair on the bottom of the shank flat. Clip a ramp at the front of the body to allow the wings to lie down.



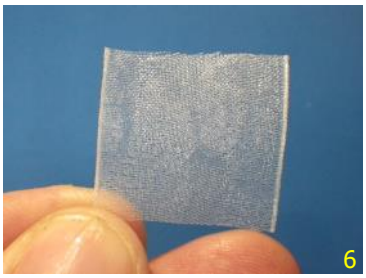


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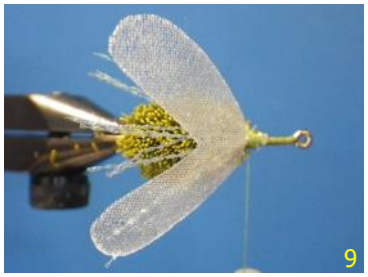


5. Clip about 10 strands of Krystal Flash and bind them down as the under Wing. Leave them long to be trimmed later.
6. Take a 1” square section of Web Wing or in this case Organza that has a light coat of Sally Hansen on both sides.
7. Fold the piece of Organza and fold it in half. Cut a heart shape out of the material and un fold.
8. Place the heart shaped wing over the Krystal Flash and bind down to the shank. Cut the Krystal Flash the same length as the tips of the wing.
9. Wings from above.
10. Move the thread to about a Hook Eye width back from the Hook Eye and using figure eight wraps attach the Mono Eyes.
11. Return the thread to the base of the Wings and after stacking a small clump of Deer Hair bind the Hair to form a collar extending about 1/2 way up the Wing.
12. Cut a small clump of Deer Hair from the hide and remove the under fur. Clip the tips off and spin the Hair on to the hook.
13. Move the thread to in front of the Eyes and after cutting a smaller clump of Deer Hair and cutting the tips, spin it up to the Hook Eye. Whip Finish and cut the Thread.
14. Remove the Fly from the Vise and trim the head being careful to not cut the Collar Hair.
15. Option with Legs. These are tied in before spinning the Head in step 12.





















Tight Lines & Good Luck!