

# TAN COMPARADUN DRY FLY

The next fly tying session will be held at the Odd Fellows Hall in San Luis Obispo on Tuesday, May 23 at 6:30. Paul Crafts will demonstrate how to tie the Comparadun Dry Fly. Paul has had success catching brown trout with this pattern in olive on Yellow Creek in the Lake Almanor area, using a dapping method over overgrown willow banks.



This dry fly has its roots in a no-hackle fly known as the Haystack by Fran Betters in the 1930's. Fran developed this pattern for slow-moving waters that were usually spring-fed. The fly works best under conditions of clear visibility and slow movement for the selective trout that inhabited these waters. He used a wing of deer hair that flared in an arc so that the lowermost hairs supported the fly in the surface waters.

One problem: the pattern does not float long in turbulent water and should be used only in slow-moving waters. It is also important to select fine deer hair that limits the bulkiness of the tie-in position. Comparadun deer hair is taken from the leg of the deer. It is short with black tips and is solid, rather than hollow, which allows the hair to maintain a stiffness that keeps the hairs oriented in the proper direction.

Paul is borrowing from Tom Rosenbauer's **Orvis' Fly Tying Guide**. Tom uses this pattern to imitate scores of adult mayflies in sizes from 10 through 20. He states, "Hair for the wing should be chosen carefully....Fine hair with even ends...from coastal mule deer, or white tailed deer, makes the best wings."

All materials will be supplied, but be sure and bring your own thread...tan 6/0 or 8/0. Paul also recommends that fly tyers bring a hair stacker and hair cleaning brush. The following are the material that will be used for the Comparadun Dry Fly:

## **MATERIALS:**

Thread	-	Tan 6/0 or 8/0
Hook	-	2X-Long dry fly hook, Size 14
Tail	-	Divided hackle barbs
Body	-	Dubbing tan
Wing	-	Deer hair tied in a 180 degree arc on top of the hook

## **WEB SITES ON THE COMPARADUN DRY FLY:**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nD2fUatPU4o>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z5WfZ7QD7o8>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P-dPiYrFnqA>