

## DARK HENDRICKSON NYMPH



### Recipe

Hook.....2X long nymph, down eye, size 10 – 14

Thread.....Olive 6/0

Tail.....Lemon wood duck fibers

Rib.....Brown floss/thread

Abdomen...Red fox dubbing

Wing case..White tipped turkey tail feather segment

Thorax.....Red fox dubbing

Legs.....Brown Partridge

Head.....Thread

1. Tie-in thread behind hook eye and wrap back to bend making a good thread base. Let the thread hang.
2. Select a lemon wood duck feather and remove 15-20 fibers and align the tips of the fibers. Using a pinch wrap, mount the fibers on top of the hook shank as a tail. **(The tail length should be ½ the length of the hook shank.)** Trim off excess fiber butts.
3. Cut a 3-4” piece of brown thread or floss and tie it in at the hook bend as a rib. Let the floss/thread length hang over the hook bend.
4. Now take the red fox dubbing and dub a neat tapered abdomen up to the middle of the hook shank. Let the thread hang.
5. Take the floss/thread rib and wrap it 5-6 equally spaced spiral wraps over the dubbed abdomen and tie off. Trim excess rib.
6. Now take a white tipped turkey quill feather (that has been treated with Dave’s Flexament or other material to stiffen and connect the fibers) and cut a segment about the width of the hook gap. Trim the bottom of the segment so that the bottom is straight and, with the shiny side down, tie the segment in at the end of the abdomen with the segment end pointing toward the hook bend. Tightly wrap the butt end and trim off the excess. Wrap the thread back to the end of the abdomen.

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7. Select a brown partridge feather and remove the fluff. Now preen the all fibers except those at the tip back towards the butt of the feather. Position the feather on top of the hook shank with the dull side facing upward. Bind the feather in by its tip tight against the wing case with the butt end going toward the hook bend. Trim off any excess tip and move the thread back to the wing case.
8. Dub the thread with red fox dubbing. Wrap the dubbed thread up to a point about 1 hook eye width behind the hook eye, forming a fairly thick thorax, and tie off. Remove excess dubbing. **(Be sure to wrap the thorax tightly back against the end of the abdomen or a gap may form when the wing case is pulled forward.)**
9. Pull the hackle feather over the thorax with enough tension to keep the feather stem positioned straight down the middle of the thorax. Tie it off with 2 turns of thread over the stem, binding it to the hook shank. **(In binding down the feather, you may have to slip the thread between the barbs.)** Trim off the excess feather.
10. Pull the turkey quill segment wing case forward over the thorax and feather hackle legs and tie it off right behind the hook eye with several tight thread wraps. **(To avoid tying down the hackle leg barbs, pinch the barbs against the thorax when you pull the wing case into position so that they remain in position.)** Trim off the excess turkey fibers. **(Ensure that the wing case stays centered on top of the thorax.)**
11. Form a neat thread head, whip finish, cut the thread, and apply head cement.

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