

Parachute Hopper

by
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Tying Materials:

- * Hook: TMC 2302 #8-12
- * Thread: Tan 6/0
- * Abdomen: Tan or Ginger Dubbing
- * Wing: Mottled Turkey Wing or Synthetic Wing Material
- * Thorax: Tan or Ginger Dubbing
- * Hackle: Grizzly Hackle
- * Wingpost: White Calf Tail
- * Legs: Knotted Pheasant Tail Fibers

Notes: This is a pattern designed by Ed Schroeder of Fresno, CA in the early 1970's. Ed applied a calf hair wingpost to not only hoppers but ants, hare's ear nymphs, and caddis patterns. The White Calf Hair parachute makes this hopper very visible so that you can follow the drift. He suggests keeping the wingpost no more than one half the shank length so that the hopper is more streamlined for the windy conditions which you are often encounter preceeding the use of the fly. The parachute also makes the fly a usefull indicator with a nymph dropped below it.

Variations of this pattern often change with wing and body color to represent Golden Stone's and Crickets. Other pattern variations use antron dubbing for the thorax, foam abdomen's, Ringneck Pheasant Window feathers for the wings.