

## Turk's Tarantula



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| <b>Hook:</b>      | #2 - #14                      |
| <b>Thread:</b>    | Tan                           |
| <b>Tail:</b>      | Golden Pheasant Tippet Fibers |
| <b>Rib:</b>       | Small Copper Wire             |
| <b>Body:</b>      | Hare's Mask Dubbing           |
| <b>Underwing:</b> | Pearl Krystal Flash           |
| <b>Overwing:</b>  | White Calf Tail               |
| <b>Collar:</b>    | Deer Hair Tips                |
| <b>Legs:</b>      | Tan Barred Med. Round Rubber  |
| <b>Head:</b>      | Spun & Trimmed Deer Hair      |

Guy Turk developed his Tarantula in 1990. George Anderson used this fly to win the Jackson Hole One-Fly Contest that year and it has since become one of the most popular attractor flies in the world. Mr. Turk's creation has all you could ask for in an attractor; wide profile, great buoyancy and visibility. The combination of readily available materials and ease of tying make this an essential western fly. One of the best things about this pattern is its versatility. I like to fish the Tarantula dry along the bank and when it sweeps under the water at the end of the drift I let it swing on through. Once hanging directly down stream, I will start a strip retrieve, fishing the fly back to me as a streamer. One fly as a dry, wet and streamer is pretty versatile and I can clearly see how George Anderson could wreak havoc with a pattern like this. The Tarantula is also my favorite Mother's Day Caddis pattern. Yes, I know it's way too big but the fish really seem to be able to pick this big buoyant fly out of the crowd and voice their opinions with crushing strike. Feel free to use alternate color schemes and substitute materials as needed. Play with this one and see what you can come up with.