

## The Fiery Brown Beetle

Hook :- Wet fly 14-12-10

Thread:- Black 6/0

Body :- Fiery brown seals fur, tied bulky

Back :- Slip of crow or cormorant wing



The fiery brown beetle was popularised in Tasmania by Tony Sloane in his book “The Truth about Trout Flies”. He fished it inert or moved very slowly on a greased leader for tailing fish. It is also good for prospecting weed holes and corners in the lakes. I had one memorable day many years ago at Bronte Lagoon just walking the deeper shores and flicking the fiery brown into likely looking gaps in the weeds and picked up three fish in an afternoon. A weighted version also serves well as a point fly with a nymph on a dropper in the deeper waters of Arthurs Lake or Great Lake. It is also the fly I go to, in its smaller sizes, if I think the fish are on snails. Being such a simple fly there isn't much possible in the way of variations; it is easily weighted under the bulky body and black Stretchback or similar can be used for the back. A few turns of soft black hackle is sometimes added at the head. But, for the body, there is no substitute for the lovely gloss and straggly look you get from seals fur.

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