

Fly of the Month

The Dundee



Hook : Dry fly 14-12-10

Thread : Black

Tail : Orange and black hackle fibres

Rib : Fine copper wire

Body : Fiery brown seals fur

Hackle : Black cock hackle wound through orange

The Dundee is a fly that I first tied about 15 years ago and used to use a lot at Arthurs Lake; on one particular outing it took four fish that were slashing at duns in a twelve inch wave. The fly didn't have a name at that stage, it was just "that orange and black thing", but when I got back to the camp ground at Pumphouse Bay with a couple of the fish I'd kept I got talking to a visiting Scottish fisherman who asked me what I had caught the fish on. I showed him the fly and he said that orange and black were the colours of Dundee United, his football club back home. So, seeing as Dundee has "dun" in it that is what the fly has since been called.

Since then the Dundee has caught it's fair share of fish, particularly when there's a bit of a wave on, I think the bright orange makes it very visible. In smaller sizes and dressed a little more sparsely it has also been known to take fish on red spinners on the Macquarie.

Tying the Dundee is nice and straightforward. Start the thread at the eye and take it back to the bend where you tie in a few bright orange and black hackle fibres about hook length. Tie in the copper rib, apply the seals fur dubbing to the thread and wind a fairly thick body forward about three quarters of the shank followed by the copper ribbing. Next tie in the orange and black hackles. Wind the orange one forward four or five turns and then wind the black one through it. Finish off with a small varnished black head.

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