

MacSalmon

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HOOK: 5263 or 200R, sizes 4-6

THREAD: Black to construct fly, but use fire orange floss to tie in legs at the end.

ABDOMEN: Orange braided macrame cord. Thread onto hook, leaving some extending past the hook bend. Melt the end with a lighter.

UNDERWING: A few strands of Krystal Flash (black and orange), then a No. 11 Shamazaki Fly Wing that extends beyond the abdomen.

OVERWING: Light elk hair and orange-dyed elk hair

HEAD: Dark moose tied bullet style. Ends make a collar.

LEGS: Black round rubber

Uses

Imitates the adult form of the [salmonfly](#) (*Pteronarcys californica*), also known as the giant stonefly. The salmonfly hatch has inspired many fly patterns, and this is one of the most popular with both trout and fly anglers. If you don't tie it yourself, be sure to fill your fly box with the large sizes before the hatch begins. Once the hatch is underway, eager anglers will clean out the fly bins, and the shops won't restock until the next spring.

Variations

A Golden MacSalmon imitates the slightly smaller and more [golden stoneflies](#) known as "golden stones." It uses yellow macrame cord for the body, and yellow-dyed elk hair for the head and overwing. [Click](#) for a view. Other stoneflies can be imitated by varying the size and colors.



Golden Stone colors:

Abdomen: Yellow cord

Head: Yellow Dyed Elk hair

Uses for MacSalmon

Click on boldface for details.

IMITATES	SIZES	COLORS	WHERE USED	PRESENTATION
<u>Golden stonefly Adult</u>	6-8	Brown-yellow, gold-yellow	Bankwater near foilage	<u>standard dry fly, skating</u>
<u>Golden stonefly Egg-layer</u>	6-8	Dark brown-yellow	Riffles, moderate-fast runs, backeddies, seams	<u>standard dry fly, skating</u>
<u>Salmonfly Adult</u>	4-8	Dark brown and orange	Bankwater near foilage	<u>standard dry fly, skating</u>
<u>Salmonfly Egg-layer</u>	4-8	Darker brown, dark orange	Riffles, moderate-fast runs, backeddies, seams	<u>standard dry fly, skating</u>
<u>Skwala Adult</u>	6-10	Body: Brown-olive; wing: Brown	Bankwater near foilage	<u>standard dry fly</u>
<u>Short-winged stonefly Adult</u>	6-8	tan-yellow, dirty yellow	Bankwater near foilage	<u>standard dry fly, skating</u>
<u>Short-winged stonefly Egg-layer</u>	6-8	tan-yellow, dirty yellow	Bankwater near foilage, riffles, moderate-fast runs, backeddies, seams	<u>standard dry fly, skating, surface swing, shallow nymph</u>
