

X-Caddis

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HOOK: TMC 100, sizes
14-18

THREAD: Tan

SHUCK: Amber Z-lon

BODY: Tan Antron

WING: Natural deer or elk
hair



Uses

The X-Caddis represents a crippled caddis, an adult that has not successfully emerged from the pupal case. Since caddis normally emerge quickly and do not linger on the surface like mayflies, the only adults readily available to trout during the hatch are pupae and cripples. Trout know the cripples aren't going anywhere, so they focus on them. Cripple patterns such as this are especially effective on clear, slow water where trout can become exceptionally selective.