



Fly in my Email Dennis Stead



The BS Apricot Midge (or Apricot Egg?)

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If you remember, Russ Doughty was fishing at Bennett Springs. Two guys were out fishing Russ and when he asked them what they were using, they told him a black knat. Russ made the change to the black knat but still was not doing any better.

After some time, the two guys felt sorry for Russ and gave them the fly they were fishing with. Russ describes the fly to us at February and March MTFA meeting and we made a draw in the board.



Based on his description, we tied the following two versions and called it the BS (Bennett Springs) Apricot Midge.



I sent out an email with the information on the BS Apricot Midge and started tying. Richard Solomon known as Driver, tied up one on his way out to the MTFA State Council meeting. Before the meeting, Richard tried the BS Apricot Midge. He caught three trout on it and on his last cast, lost the fly in a tree. Boy now we have a good fly for Bennett Springs.

I get home from our meeting and have an email from Russ said that is not the fly. It is tied in the middle. I cannot believe what I am reading. Called Russ and said I would like to come by and take some pictures.

This is the fly in Russ' hand. Look closely at the pictures. It is round, the material is tied in the middle and it is on top of the hook. To me, it is an egg pattern.

Do you think Russ was having fun pulling my chain??????



Apricot Egg (small)

Materials:

Hook: Tiemco TMC2487BL or TMC2499SP-BL

Hook size: 20

Thread: UNI-Thread White 8/0, or UTC 8/0, or match Apricot

Body: Glo Bugs small fry UV+ Apricot Supreme

This Fly was tied by Dennis Stead – size 20.

I believe that you should tie all three of these flies with the Apricot Glo Bug material. All three will catch fish but maybe one is better than the other.

Fishing Instructions per Russ: this is fished per Czech Nymphing Style. Above the fly place two small slit shots about 18 inches apart. The fly is cast up stream and allowed to float down. Watching and following the fly, count to six (6) and raise you pole. And if you are as successful as the two fishermen Russ watch, you will have a fish on the line every time.

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