

Sunriver Angler's Fly Tying Corner

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All this December and January snowfall is giving me cabin fever and making me want to see Spring soon to get back fishing. But for the moment, I'll have to keep myself from going stir crazy by tying flies. For this month's pattern, I opted to tie a pattern that leans toward the artistic side of fly tying. This is a pattern I learned many years ago from my fly tying mentor, Andre Puyans. Andy tied a similar pattern called a Macaw Loopwing Adams that was the logo on his fly shop for many years. I made a minor deviation from his original pattern by using a ginger hackle instead of the more traditional Adams colors. I think you'll like it.

The loopwing fly is a very delicate pattern that features some unique materials. The loopwing is created by making a loop from 6-8 barbs off a barred teal flank feather. It is a delicate process to tie in and then split and post the wing. But it makes a very nice wing silhouette and it is worth the time to master this technique. The body is tied using

barbs off the tail feather from a Macaw Parrot. This feather has yellow hues on one side and blue on the other. Wrapping the barbs onto the body of the fly results in a multicolored effect. Pair that with high quality Whiting hackle feathers and you have a very classic dry fly.

Blonde Macaw Loopwing Materials List:

Hook: Daiichi 1180 Size 14 or similar

Thread: Veevus 16/0

Tail: Natural Ginger from a Whiting Rooster Saddle

Body: Natural Blue/Yellow Fibers from a Macaw Tail Feather

Wing: Barred Teal Flank Feat

Hackle: Ginger Whiting Dry Fly Rooster Cape

Tying instructions and steps are being published in video form, and can be found on the Sunriver Anglers Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SunriverAnglers/>, or at the following YouTube URL: <https://youtu.be/Uif3w6g10L4>

Learn to tie this artful fly pattern and fish it with a Bamboo 3 weight on your favorite trout stream. Whether it catches fish or not, you will have the self-satisfaction of fishing a classic dry fly pattern. If you have questions or would like additional information about the Blonde Macaw Loopwing pattern, please don't hesitate to email me. Or if you have suggestions on future patterns to feature in this column, I welcome your input. I can be reached at Philfischer@sbcglobal.net.