

Mahogany Dun Parachute Dry Fly

Sunriver Angler's Fly-Tying Corner

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The Mahogany Dun Parachute holds a special place in my fly box. Shortly after moving to Central Oregon years ago, my first day out fly fishing was spent on the Fall River near our home. It was October, and a good friend had alerted me that the Mahogany hatch was on. On one of my first casts that day a nice rainbow came up and inhaled this pattern. As I released this fish back into the crystal-clear waters, I thought to myself, how lucky am I to live in this beautiful area. In the decade since, this sense of awe is still there and as fresh as the first day on the water.

The mahogany mayfly is an important hatch during the early part of fall on our area rivers. It occurs on the Fall River, Metolius, Crooked and Deschutes. The Mahogany Dun Parachute is an excellent imitation for this mayfly. The profile of this pattern does a good job matching the natural. The abdomen is tied using stretch floss, which does not float well, so one must rely on the tail and hackle to support the fly on the water. But this also contributes to this fly floating very low on the water's surface, imitating a freshly hatched mayfly dun. Trout love them at this very vulnerable stage of the hatch and will take the Mahogany Dun Parachute willingly. Give this pattern a try this fall.

Mahogany Dun Parachute Materials List:

Hook:	Firehole 419 Barbless, Size 14 - 16
Thread:	Danville 6/0 Flat Waxed, Tobacco Brown
Tail:	Microfibbets, Dun

Abdomen: Stretch Floss, Brown
Thorax: Superfine Dubbing, Mahogany Brown
Wing: Zelon, Dark Dun
Hackle: Whiting Dry Fly Saddle, Grizzly Dyed Brown

Tying instructions and steps are 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/di5DB3ZtaYo>.

Give the Mahogany Dun Parachute a try during this hatch on one of our local rivers. If you have questions or would like additional information about this pattern, please 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.