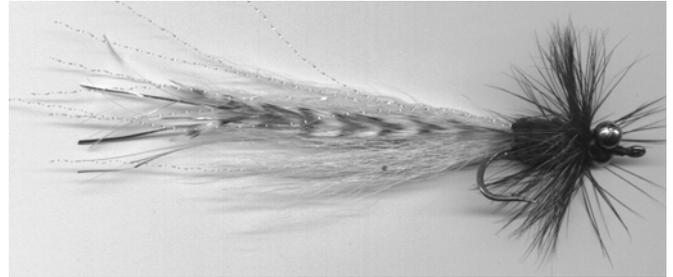


The Flashtail Whistler

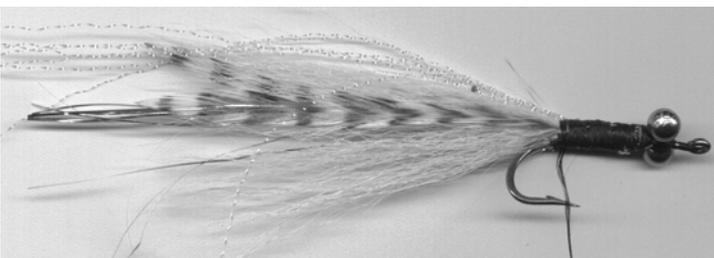
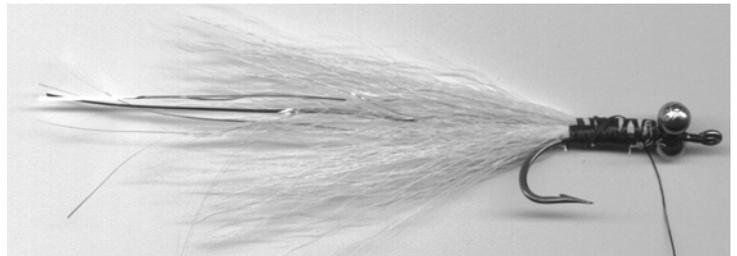
Original recipe by Dan Blanton

HOOK	Mustad 34007 or equivalent, size to match prey
THREAD	Red 3/0
EYES	Large silver bead chain
BODY	Small or medium chenille, red
WING	Bucktail and a pair of grizzly hackles
FLASH	Silver flashabou and pearl crystal flash
COLLAR	Red saddle hackle



1. Place hook in vise, lay thread base and attach bead chain 1/4" behind eye. Coat thread around the eyes lightly with head cement or super glue. Select, cut and clean a fat matchstick thick section of bucktail 3 shanks long. Attach on top the shank just behind the eyes and cover with several wraps along the shank.

2. Cut 10-12 strands of flashabou at least 3 hooks long and attach at bend extending to the rear on top the bucktail. The flashabou should be 1/2" longer than the bucktail. Select, cut and clean another section of bucktail the same size as the first. Attach on top the flashabou with wraps all along the shank ending up at the bend.



3. Select a matching pair of hackles and trim so the hackles will be the same length as the bucktail. Tie in the hackles, one on each side with the concave sides facing. Cut 10-12 strands of crystal flash the same length as flashabou and attach at the bend extending rearward over the bucktail. Spread the crystal flash evenly on the top and sides.

4. Cut a 3" length of chenille and strip the "fuzz" from 1/4" of one end leaving just the thread core. Tie in the thread at the bend and wrap the chenille forward in adjacent turns ending just behind the eyes. Tie in and trim. Tie in a red saddle (or neck) hackle and wrap 5-8 turns of hackle while stroking the hackle to the rear with left hand. Tie off and trim. Cover any loose ends with thread, wrap a small head and coat lightly with head cement.

