

King's River Caddis (Original Recipe by Buz Buszek) . . . Russ Shields

Originated by Buz Buszek, the King's River Caddis dry fly has a rough, buggy dubbed body, a tent style down-wing of mottled turkey tail feather section and a front hackle collar for flotation. The King's River Caddis is well suited for fishing fairly smooth water while an Elk Hair Caddis is more suited for rough water situations.

Materials

Hook	Mustad 94840, size 8-18
Thread	6/0 brown
Body	Coarse brown dry fly dubbing
Wing	Mottled turkey tail feather section treated with Fixatif*
Hackle	Brown roster cape or saddle



Tying Steps

1. Build a body of rough buggy dubbing from the hook bend to a point one-fourth the length of the hook shank behind the hook eye.
2. Cut about a 1/4-inch wide section of barbs from the turkey tail feather quill. Fold the section over the top of the dubbed body and tie it in just in front of the body to form a tent style down-wing. The wing should cover the upper one-half circumference of the body and extend a distance equal to one hook shank length past the back of the hook.
3. Cut the back of the wing at a 45-degree angle to the hook shank so the finished wing extends in back of the hook a distance equal to about half a hook shank.
4. Select a hackle with barbs about two times the hook gap. Tie the hackle in over the wing tie on thread wraps. Wrap the hackle forward to a point one hook eye distance in back of the hook eye. Tie off and cut away the excess hackle. Form a neat tapered thread head. Whip finish the head and cut away the thread. Cement the head.

* Fixatif is the trade name for a clear spray on material used by artists. Fly dressers use it to bind or "glue" feather barbs together. Fixatif, manufactured by the Krylon Co. can be purchased at arts and crafts shops.

From Jerry Giles . . . I have a collection of old Reader's Digests. Sometimes I go back to them and read articles from the thirties and forties. As an example, the November 1941, issue has an article entitled, "Japan Risks Destruction." Pretty interesting.

I ran across this old joke submitted by Lowell Thomas in the May, 1939, issue: "A Virginia fisherman, arriving at a creek after a bumpy ride, found his can of bait had fallen out of his fliv ver. Looking down, he saw a water moccasin lying by a log, with a frog in its mouth. He clamped a forked stick over the snake's head, and took the frog for use as bait. The reptile looked so sorrowful at having its meal taken away that the fisherman opened up his jug and gave the snake a drink of moonshine, whereupon it went wriggling away.

After fishing for 15 minutes, the man's attention was attracted by a gentle, insistent thumping on his leg. He looked down, and there was that same water moccasin. He was looking up at the man, and he had another frog in his mouth."