

# Tellico Nymph... Jerry Giles

## Photos by Larry Sisney

The Tellico Nymph is a very effective wet fly in southeastern streams. I have used it with great success in the streams and rivers of northern Georgia and western North Carolina. The Tellico Nymph can be tied in many varieties. My personal favorite has a black bead head and in smaller sizes I use it as a dropper.

### Tying Materials

<b>Hook:</b>	Tiemco 5262, 2XH, 2XL, size 12
<b>Thread:</b>	6/0 yellow*
<b>Weight:</b>	Flat sticky-back lead tape
<b>Tail:</b>	Pearl gray guinea fowl body feather barbs
<b>Rib:</b>	Peacock herl
<b>Body:</b>	Rayon, single strand, 600 denier, bright yellow UNI-Floss
<b>Wing Case:</b>	Brown swiss straw
<b>Collar:</b>	Brown hen saddle hackle feather



\* Use only yellow thread to tie this fly. Preferably bright yellow. If another color is used it will show through the Rayon floss when the fly becomes wet.

### Tying Instructions



1. Start the thread behind the hook eye and lay a thread base back to the hook bend. Cut a thin slice of sticky-back lead from the tape. Starting about 1/3 hook shank distance forward of the hook bend, wrap the lead in touching turns to a point about 3/16-inch back from the hook eye.



2. Wrap the thread back and forth over the lead to completely cover it. At the same time form a short evenly tapered thread ramp at each end of the lead. Make the body slightly fatter in the middle than on both ends.



3. At the hook bend, tie on a few guinea hen feather barbs for the tail. The tail should be equal in length to about one and one-half hook gap distance.



4. Also at the hook bend, tie on two peacock herls for the rib. *Note: Only one peacock herl will be used to form the rib. The second herl is tied on in case the first fragile herl breaks while being wrapped. The extra herl will be broken away if it is not needed.*



5. Again at the hook bend, tie on the swiss straw that will be used to make the wing case.

## *Tellico Nymph... Jerry Giles (continued)*



6. At the hook bend, tie on the body floss.

7. In neat slightly overlapping turns that will completely cover the thread underbody, wrap the floss forward to a point about 3/32-inch back from the hook eye. Tie off and cut away the excess floss.

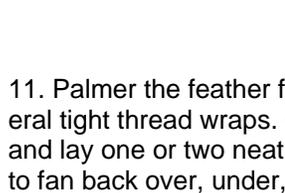


8. Wrap one of the peacock herls forward in about 6 to 8 evenly spaced spiral turns to form the rib. Do not crowd the hook eye. Tie off and cut away the excess rib herl. Break away the second herl if it is not needed.

9. Bring the swiss straw over the top of the body to form the wing case. Without crowding the hook eye, tie off the swiss straw in front of the body and cut away the excess straw.



10. Select and remove an appropriate size feather from the hen saddle patch. Grasp about 1/4 to 1/2-inch of the feather tip between your thumb and forefinger with the convex side of the feather facing you. With your thumb and forefinger of the other hand stroke the rest of the barbs down toward the base of the quill. Strip all the barbs below your grasp from the left side of the quill. With the tip of the feather facing forward and the stripped side of the quill up, orientate the feather perpendicular to the side of the hook facing you. Directly adjacent to the barbs that are left at the tip of the feather and the stripped quill, tie the feather to the side of the hook directly in front of the body. Cut away the tip end of the feather.



11. Palmer the feather forward one-and-one-half to two turns to form the collar. Take several tight thread wraps. Cut away the excess feather quill. Stroke the collar toward the rear and lay one or two neat thread wraps up onto the very front of the collar to cause the collar to fan back over, under, and around the fly body. Build a small nearly tapered thread head. Finish the head with several half-hitch or whip-finish thread wraps. Cut away the thread and apply a small amount of head cement to the thread head.



## *Fishing Report... Captain Bob Quarles*



Captain Bob's fishing report is far too large for the newsletter!  
See the rest of the report at the website below. Lots of pictures !



[www.pensacolafishingforum/fishingforum/Topic279692-15-1.aspx](http://www.pensacolafishingforum/fishingforum/Topic279692-15-1.aspx)