The Fly of the Month - October 2019

Sierra Bright Dot



The Sierra Bright is a fly that dates back to the 1950's and has not seen much popularity outside of the eastern slope of the southern Sierra's. The fly is relatively unheard outside of that region. The Sierra Bright Dot is a fore and aft pattern, meaning it has two sets of hackle. The originator of the pattern is not known, but supposedly the fly was named after a Dorothy Bright who was the wife of a mine owner who lived on a lake in that area.

I tie the SBD on a #14 2xl dry fly hook using 70d black thread. The tail is Golden Pheasant tippet. The other components are grizzly dry fly hackle and chartreuse Veevus iris thread for the body. The fly is usually tied in sizes from 10 to 16, and any color body may be used. It may be a bit late in the season for this fly to be successful, but I'm going to give it a try. I hope it's as much fun to fish as it was to tie.