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### **Stillwater Callibaetis (Denny Rickards)**

HOOK Dai Riki 730-16 THREAD: black, or tan. 8/0 or 70 denier TAIL/ WINGCASE Mallard Flank, natural or wood duck ABDOMEN: Hare's ear, natural HACKLE: Grizzly, undersized

**Substitutions:** Tan, gray, and a very pale olive are good abdomen colors.

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#### **Tying Tips**

**NOTE: Mallard is somewhat fragile. Keep your thread tension firm, but not tight, or it will cut the fibers.**

1. Start thread and move to right above hook point
  2. Tie in a bundle of mallard flank fibers precisely over the hook point, and wrap touching turns to just over hook barb. Tail length should be equal to the straight part of the hook shank.
  3. Fold the shellback fibers back over the tail, and bind with 2-3 turns. **TIP: Make sure your shellback is long enough to reach past the eye when you fold it forward. If not, replace the mallard with longer bundle.**
  4. Tie in grizzly saddle hackle by a short stub, right in front of the lump formed by folding the mallard bundle.
  5. Dub abdomen. Keep it slender. Messy and ragged is okay, just keep it slender. If it's thin, you can crowd the eye.
  6. Wrap grizzly forward. – **KEEP THE HACKLE SPARSE. 3-4 TURNS OF HACKLE ONLY. TIP: Looks neatest if you wrap grizzly so the cupped direction is to the rear.**
  7. Fold the mallard along the back, and tie at the eye. Trim mallard at the same angle as the down-eye. Whip finish.
  8. Head cement is recommended.
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