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# Golden Stonefly Nymph

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Of the many types of Stoneflies in our Sierra waters, the Golden Stonefly is probable the most prevalent. This insect is abundant in the clear and unpolluted runs and riffles of streams like the upper Kings and Kaweah Rivers.

## Materials

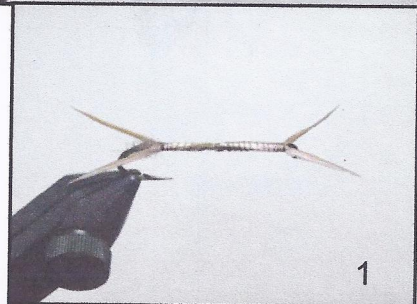
- Hook: Mustad 79580 (4XL) or equivalent
- Thread: 6/0 Tan
- Antenna: Lt. Brown goose biots
- Tail: Lt. Brown goose biots
- Rib: Medium gold oval tinsel
- Underbody: 0.025 lead wire
- Abdomen: Paxtons Buggy Nymph dubbing (Golden Stone)
- Thorax: Paxtons Buggy Nymph dubbing (Golden Stone)
- Shellback: Section of turkey tail feather
- Legs: Section of brown hen back feather

## Tying Sequence

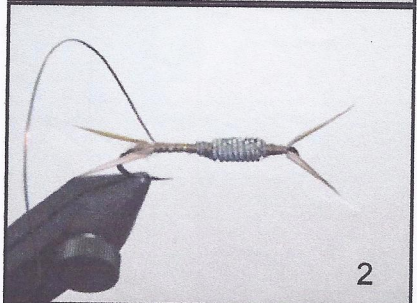
1. Attach the thread behind the eye of the hook and secure the antenna. Wrap the thread to the bend of the hook and place a small ball of dubbing which will help separate the tails which are placed next.
2. Attach the gold oval tinsel at the back of the hook. Cover the front 1/2 of the hook with a double layer of 0.025 lead wire to form the underbody of the thorax. Secure the lead with thread dams at each end and flatten it with a pair of pliers followed by a coat of head cement.
3. Dub an untapered abdomen over the back 1/2 of the hook shank. Spiral the gold ribbon over the abdomen and secure.
4. *CONSTRUCT A THORAX OF GOLDEN STONE DUBBING*  
Select a 3/8" section of turkey tail feather and cut a vee in one end. With the bright side up, attach the feather section with the vee extending back over the abdomen to represent the wing buds. Fold the remaining portion upward and to the rear temporarily. Strip most of the side barbs from a brown hen back feather and tie in the tip end immediately ahead of the turkey feather section. Leave it positioned upward like the turkey feather section. Dub a robust thorax to within 1/8" of the eye of the hook.
5. Pull the hen feather forward and secure to form the legs. Pull the turkey tail section forward and secure to form the wing case. Form a tapered thread head, whip finish, and apply cement to complete the fly.



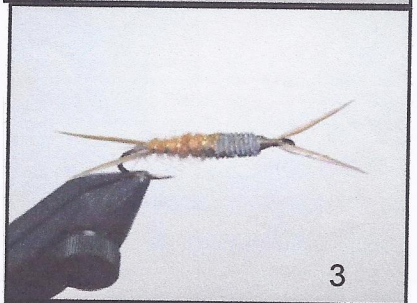
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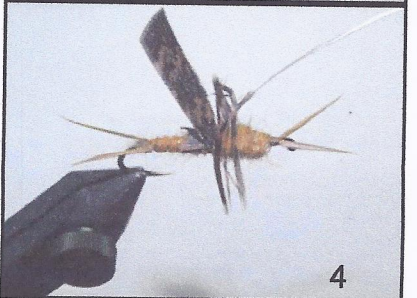
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