

The Interceptor – A Nova Scotia Atlantic Salmon Wet Fly



Several salmon flies that became standards worldwide were designed in Nova Scotia. Wet flies like the Cosseboom, Big Intervale Blue, Ross Special, Interceptor, and the Black, Brown and Silver Bomber were all designed in Nova Scotia.

Always searching for “something different”, anglers Ray Buckland and Ted Mayfield created the Interceptor in the early 1970s. It was a great success on Nova Scotia’s LaHave, Margaree and St. Mary’s Rivers.

A wing of fine pine squirrel tail gives the fly a great action as it sweeps across a salmon pool. The golden pheasant tippet tail provides a bit of bright colour to an otherwise sombre pattern, a time-tested concept employed in many great salmon fly designs. Sombre coloured flies are widely thought to be the best choice for hard-to-catch fish that have entered the river weeks or months ago, especially in summer. Specifications are as follows:

Interceptor

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| Hook: | Salmon Wet fly hook such as Mustad 36890, Partridge ‘M’, or Tiemco TMC7999 in sizes 2 - 12 |
| Thread: | Black |
| Tag: | Fine flat silver tinsel, 5 - 6 turns |
| Tail: | Golden pheasant tippets |
| Body: | Wine or dark claret wool yarn |
| Wing: | Pine squirrel tail |
| Hackle: | Black hen hackle |
| Head: | Black thread finished with 2 coats of glossy head cement |



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