

## **Yellow Bucktail – A Nova Scotia Atlantic Salmon Wet Fly**

**Origin:** St. Mary's River

**Reference:** Donald Barnes



Originally tied on limerick style hook, either turned up eye or turned down eye, with turned down eye preferred. This pattern was used extensively on the St. Mary's during the late 40's and 50's by most of the local anglers, especially on the large early run from 1st of April until the end of June. When silver tinsel was available, this pattern was also tied with a silver body. It also worked just as well using white (natural) bucktail or white calf tail.

I can recall my father Henry Barnes tying this fly and having to resort to scraping the paint off toothpaste tubes and cutting them into strips to use for ribbing. When material became more available he tied thousands of hairwing flies which he sold at the local general store or while fishing on the river, at 50 cents each.

- Don Barnes, Sherbrooke NS

### **Yellow Bucktail**

Hook: Limerick, Sizes 4/0-8  
Thread: Black  
Tail: Golden Pheasant Crest  
Ribbing: silver tinsel, flat or oval  
Body: Black wool  
Hackle: Yellow saddle or neck, 2 turns  
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Head: Black