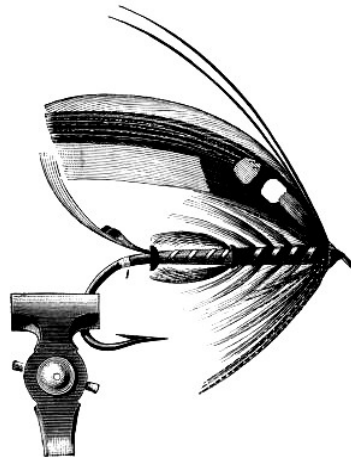


*The Fly Dresser's Guide
to
Classic Salmon
and
Sea Trout Flies*



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Preface

This book is published as a result of the great success of my previous book “The Classic Salmon & Sea Trout Fly Compendium” which was published by David Carne. A great number of the purchasers of the “Compendium” contacted me to ask if I was thinking of producing a cheaper version containing only the patterns for the flies, as they were reluctant to have such a high quality & expensive book as a working copy. This is the result of those requests. I have omitted all of the photographs and the sections written by Dave Carne, restricting the scope to the various patterns

I give the patterns in modern format for uniformity and to assist the fly dresser. Where possible I have recorded the name of the originator of the pattern in parenthesis after the fly name. For those who wish to read more about the fly’s history I give the author of the literature in which the fly is mentioned. Where none is given the information has been obtained by word of mouth or from examining antique flies.

I have included a short biography of the more prominent fly dressers of yesteryear for interest. The bibliography gives some indication of the amount of angling literature I researched and can be used as a guide for further reading on the subject. It is worth checking all editions of a particular book, as there are sometimes changes to the patterns contained from one edition to the next.

At the rear of the book I have added a table to assist the fly dresser in identifying any of the flies included in this volume by colours of their main parts (Body, Hackle, Throat etc.) I’m sure that you will find this of interest and assistance.

I have not given a section on how to dress the flies. I have left this up to yourselves to develop your individual style and to seek guidance from the numerous texts, both old and new, on the subject.

I have given this volume a different title from the de lux “Compendium” as I do not want to detract in any way from the uniqueness and collectability of that tome.

I would like to thank all those who provided me with information and encouragement. In particular I would thank those who gave me access to their fly collections and those who passed on information on some of the lesser known and obscure patterns.

I hope you gain as much pleasure and information from this book as I have in the preparation of it.

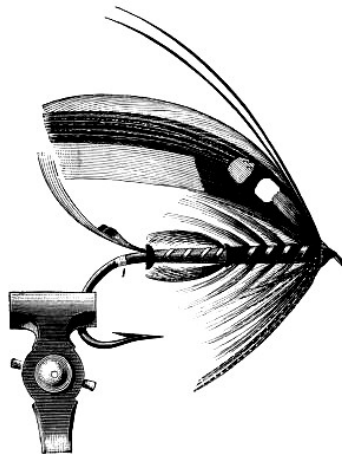
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Biographies

Giving a brief resume of the life and achievements of some of the most prominent characters in the world of fly dressing and angling.



George Cole Bainbridge

George Cole Bainbridge produced "The Fly Fisher's Guide" in 1816 which is one of the earliest books on fly fishing.

It is one of the first books on fishing with colour illustrations. The book includes 5 salmon fly patterns, which are among the earliest known dressing of salmon flies, one of them being a "gaudy" fly.

He was a Liverpool banker, fishing on the Tweed, and a neighbour of Sir Walter Scott. Scott wasn't friendly with Bainbridge to begin with, referring to him in his diary as "a dog of a banker". Despite also writing that he would have had his neighbour "dirked to a certainty", Scott appears to have changed his attitude and the pair seem to have got on after all.

Bainbridge began the system of imitative fly dressing that would evolve in the nineteenth century. He described and illustrated in colour a month by month list of natural insects of interest to the angler and gave dressings for their imitations, and changed our approach to fly fishing..

William Blacker

The Blacker family came from Newry, County Down, Ireland. At the end of the eighteenth century they moved to Avoca, County Wicklow. William Blacker was born on 14th January 1814, at Cronebane, County Wicklow and arrived in London around 1820. The first London directory notice of William Blacker is in 1842 as a "Dyer and Scourer" at 54 Dean Street, Soho.

Blacker's first publication, "*W Blacker's Art of Angling, and Complete System of Fly Making, and Dyeing of Colours*" in 1842, was designed as a trade advertisement or catalogue. It was printed by Anderson and Bryce in Edinburgh and re-issued in 1855 with additional pages, twenty engraved plates of which 17 were coloured. Printed this time by Howlett and Son, Soho. He was under the patronage of his friend and fellow countryman, Edward Fitzgibbon "Ephemera".

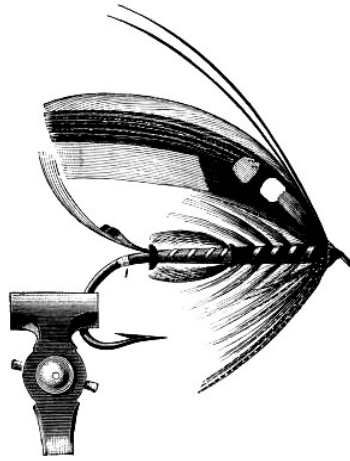
Blacker's flies were some of the most original patterns ever tied, and still present a challenge to the professional fly dresser. He excelled in the use of colour, increasing their attractiveness to both the angler and the fish. He pioneered detached and extended bodies and rear whip finish. This however led to a degree of confusion, as the instructions are sometimes difficult to understand. Blacker was largely responsible for the popularity of "gaudy" salmon flies. He sold his flies at a guinea each, and dealt in every other type of fishing tackle.

Blacker died of TB on Wednesday 19th November 1857 after seeing the final edition of his masterpiece through the press, and with his friend Fitzgibbon (Ephemera) at his side.

Miss Megan Boyd

Though she was never a fisherman herself, Megan Boyd, of Brora in Sutherland, Scotland was said by many to be the finest tier of fishing flies in the world. She began tying flies at the age of 12, being taught by a Sutherland keeper, Bob Trussler, and quickly made her reputation by tying classic and traditional flies such as the Jock Scott, Doctors, Durham Ranger and Wilkinson. She invented few new

*Classic
Feather Wing
Salmon Flies*



Classic Feather Wing Salmon Fly Patterns

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Unless stated otherwise toppings are Golden Pheasant crest and tippets are Golden Pheasant tippets, heads are black varnished. F.G. = Fishing Gazette

Names given in parenthesis indicate originator, other names alongside fly name indicate source of pattern

ABINGER (Kelson) Kelson; Hardy; Hale

Tag: Flat silver and yellow floss (*Kelson gives silver twist in place of flat silver*)

Tail: Topping, Teal

Body: Equal parts yellow, light claret, blue, black Seal's fur

Hackle: Black cock over blue and black

Rib: Flat silver (*Kelson gives oval silver*)

Throat: Jay

Wings: Tippet and Gallina strands, Teal. Bronze Mallard and topping over

Horns: Amherst Pheasant tail

ABOYNE PEACOCK *See Peacock Fly*

ACE Perrault

Tail: Topping

Body: Blue floss

Rib: Flat gold

Throat: Partridge

Wings: Tippet

ACHENTOUL (Grewcock) Grewcock

Named after a Helmsdale beat

Tag: Oval gold and red floss

Tail: Topping and Amherst Pheasant topping

Butt: Black Ostrich herl

Body: Rear third flat gold, rest red Seal's fur

Hackle: Red cock over Seal

Rib: Oval gold

Throat: Blue Gallina

Wings: Tippet under married Peacock wing, red and yellow Swan, repeated.

Bronze Mallard and topping over

Sides: Jungle Cock

Cheeks: Indian Crow

Horns: Red and yellow Macaw

Head: Red

ADJUTANT (Griffiths)

Tag: Fine oval silver and golden floss

Tail: Topping

Butt: Black Ostrich herl

Body: Black floss

Hackle: Black Cock hackle

Rib: Silver lace and flat silver

Throat: Orange Cock hackle

Wings: Tippet strands, married Peacock wing, yellow, orange and red Goose.

Bronze Mallard and topping over

Sides: Teal and Jungle Cock

Cheeks: Kingfisher

ADLINGTON (from antique fly)

Tag: Flat silver

Tail: Topping and Indian Crow

Body: One eighth yellow, one eighth red claret, rest dark blue Seal's fur

Hackle: Brown Cock hackle with black centre

Rib: Flat silver

Throat: Brown Cock with black centre

Wings: Cinnamon Turkey with long narrow Teal at side

ADMIRAL (Admiral Stewart) Maxwell

Tag: Gold

Tail: Strands of Pheasant tail

Body: Black floss or mohair

Hackle: Pale reddish orange cock

Rib: Oval silver

Throat: Pale orange cock

Wings: Mallard under dun coloured Turkey

ADMIRAL FARQUHAR *No tying*

AGIVEY WYE BUG No1

Tag: Oval silver

Tail: Golden Pheasant red breast feather

Rear Body: Orange Seal's fur

Rib: Oval silver

Mid Hackle: Hot orange cock

Front Body: Black Seal's fur

Rib: Oval silver

Front Hackle: Red Game Cock

Eyes: Jungle Cock

AGLAIA Fitzgibbon

Size: L7

Tag: Flat gold

Tail: Small topping and a few fibres of barred Wood Duck

Butt: Black Ostrich herl

Body: Flat silver

Hackle: Black cock, thin and short

Rib: Gold twist

Throat: Teal

Wings: Bustard and cream Turkey veiled with barred Wood Duck. 2 toppings over

Head: Black Ostrich herl

AGUANUS Barnard

Tag: Flat silver and yellow floss

Tail: Narrow mottled Turkey

Butt: Black Ostrich herl

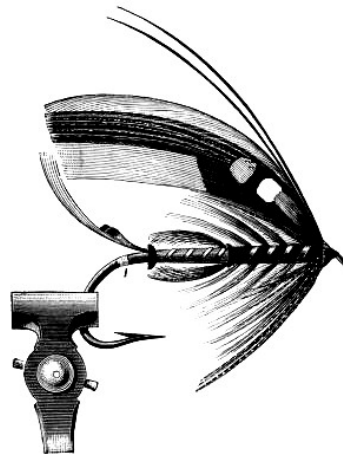
Body: Burnt orange floss

Rib: Oval gold

Wings: Small bunch of tippet with yellow hackle feathers at sides and a collar of bright blue cock then another bunch of tippets

Collar: Black cock

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AKREFLUA (Sand) (Norway)

Tail: Red cock
Body: Stripped Peacock eye quill
Throat: Red cock
Wings: Plain brown Mallard

ALEXANDRA/LADY OF THE LAKE

Tail: Red Ibis or red Swan and Peacock sword
Body: Flat silver
Rib: Oval silver
Throat: Black hen
Wings: Peacock sword
Sides: Red Swan, and Jungle Cock optional

ALEXANDRA, VARIANT

Tag: Dark red floss
Tail: Red Ibis or Swan and Peacock sword
Body: Flat silver
Rib: Oval silver
Throat: Deep wine, dark claret or black cock
Wings: Peacock sword
Sides: Red Swan

ALEXANDRA, CANARY

Tail: Red Ibis and Peacock sword
Body: Flat silver
Rib: Oval silver
Throat: Yellow cock
Wings: Peacock sword
Sides: Red Ibis or red Swan, and Jungle Cock optional

ALEXANDRA, DONEGAL

Tail: Red Ibis and Peacock sword
Body: Flat silver
Rib: Oval silver
Throat: Magenta cock
Wings: Peacock sword
Sides: Red Ibis or red Swan, and Jungle Cock optional

ALEXANDRA, GOLD

Tail: Red Ibis and Peacock sword
Body: Flat gold
Rib: Oval gold
Throat: Bright yellow cock
Wings: Peacock sword
Sides: Red Ibis or red Swan, and Jungle Cock optional

ALEXANDRA, JUNGLE

Tail: Red Ibis or red Swan and Peacock sword
Body: Flat silver
Rib: Oval silver
Throat: Black hen
Wings: Peacock sword
Sides: Jungle Cock

AMERICAN SEA TROUT FLY

Body: Round gold
Throat: Ibis
Wings: Ibis

APPLE GREEN See Fisher No11

AWE No1 Grimble

Size: L8 or L9
Tag: 2 turns silver twist
Tail: Tippet
Body: Black floss
Rib: Wide turns of very narrow silver
Throat: Black cock
Wings: Dark Mallard

AWE No2 Grimble

Size: L8 or L9
Tag: 2 turns silver twist
Tail: Tippet
Body: Red floss
Rib: Wide turns of very narrow silver
Throat: Red cock
Wings: Dark Mallard

AWE No3 Grimble

Size: L8 or L9
Tag: 2 turns silver twist
Tail: Tippet
Body: Yellow floss
Rib: Wide turns of very narrow silver
Throat: Yellow cock
Wings: Dark Mallard

BADGER

Tag: Silver thread
Tail: Small topping and tippet
Body: Turkey red mohair
Hackle: White cock with black roots
Rib: 4 turns flat silver
Wings: Light mottled Turkey
Head: Red

BADGER F.G. 1 March, 1884

Tag: Flat silver
Tail: Red Golden Pheasant rump
Body: Claret mohair
Hackle: Badger cock over front two thirds
Rib: Silver twist and gold twist
Wings: Mottled, distinct black and white, Turkey

BAMIDUFF No1 See Hi-Regan No21

BAMIDUFF No2 See Hi-Regan No22

BAMIDUFF No3 See Hi-Regan No23

BELTRAGH No1 See Hi-Regan No1

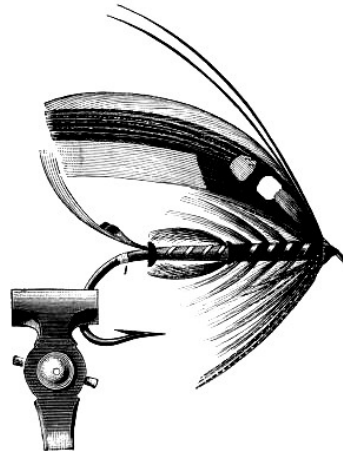
BELTRAGH No2 See Hi-Regan No16

BELTRAGH No3 See Hi-Regan No17

BELTRAGH No4 See Hi-Regan No18

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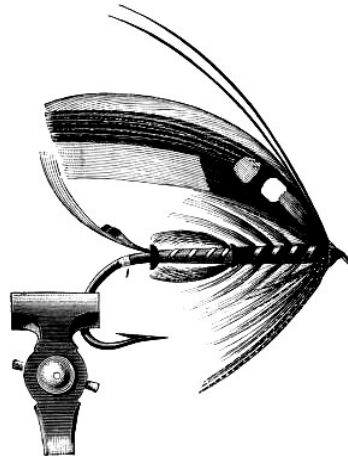
Classic Fly Identification Table

This table is designed to assist you in identifying a fly based on its outstanding characteristics. BODY, HACKLE and THROAT etc.

The table has been arranged in such a way that all flies with the same BODY are grouped together. This grouping is then subdivided into those flies with the same HACKLE and then further subdivided into those flies with the same THROAT.

This will provide you with a limited number of possible matches for the fly you wish to identify. (Use of the remaining columns may assist you to refine your choice further)

You can then look up the specific flies in the book to obtain the full pattern to compare with the fly in question.



Classic Fly Identifier

ABBREVIATIONS

In order to present the mass of information in as small a space as possible I have had to resort to the use of a number of abbreviations in the text.

Be = Blue
BeDun = Blue Dun
Bk = Black
Bn = Brown
BnDun = Brown Dun
BnOlive = Brownish olive
BOH = Black Ostrich herl
BWD = Barred Wood Duck
C = Claret
CYB = Coch-y- bonddu
G = Gold
G/S = Gold or Silver
Gn = Green
GOlive = Golden olive
GnOlive = Green olive
GP = Golden Pheasant
Gy = Grey
GyDun = Grey Dun
GyOlive = Grey olive
IC = Indian Crow
JC = Jungle Cock
Mag = Magenta
O = Orange
PH = Peacock herl
Purp = Purple
R = Red
RDun = Red Dun
RGP = Red Golden Pheasant breast
S = Silver
S/G = Silver or Gold
SDun = Silver Dun
ST = Sea Trout Fly
Tpg = Topping
Tpt = Tippet
W = White
WD = Unbarred Wood Duck
Y = Yellow
YGP = Yellow Golden Pheasant rump
YOlive = Yellow Olive

BODY	HACKLE	THROAT	TAIL	TAG	RIB	BUTT	FLY NAME
Be	Be	Be	Tpg+IC	S+Y	S	R	Blue Doctor
Be	Be	Be	Tpg	S+Y	S	BOH	Blue Rover
Be	Be	Be	Tpg	None	G	None	Bush No2
Be	Be	Be	Tpg+BWD	S+R	S	BOH	Eve's Fancy
Be	Be	Be	Tpg	S+Be	S	Be	Fail Me Never
Be	Be	Be	Tpg	None	S	None	Stoddart's Awe No2
Be	Be	Be	Tpg	None	S	None	Wade No2
Be	Be	Be Gallina	Tpg+Be	S+Y	S	BOH	Sapphire
Be	Be	Be+Grouse	Tpg	G+R	S	None	Doctor
Be	Be	Be+Jay	R Tpt	G	G	None	Forester's No26 (ST)
Be	Be	Bk	Tpg	G	S	BOH	Amethyst(Marston)
Be	Be	C+Gallina	Tpg+Tpt	S+O	S	None	Claret & Blue
Be	Be	C+O+Bn	Y+Turkey	S+O	S	None	Policeman
Be	Be	Gallina	Tpg+R	S+O	S	None	Blue & Grey Jay
Be	Be	Gallina	Tpg+Chatterer	S+O	S	R	Blue Doctor
Be	Be	Gallina	Y	S+O	S	R	Crane Fly
Be	Be	Gallina	Tpg	None	G	None	Grey Turkey
Be	Be	Gallina +Jay	Tpg+Mallard	None	G	None	Beaully No3
Be	Be	Gn	Tpg	S	S	BOH	Wrack
Be	Be	Grouse	IC	G	S	R	Awe & Orchy No3
Be	Be	Grouse	Tpg	G	S	R	Blue Doctor
Be	Be	Grouse	Tpg	G	S	R	Doctor
Be	Be	Jay	Tpg	None	S	None	Blacker General No6
Be	Be	Jay	Tpg	S+O	S	None	Blacker Spring No1
Be	Be	Jay	Tpg+Tpt	S+Y	S	R	Blue Doctor
Be	Be	Jay	Tpg+Chatterer	S+Y	S	R	Blue Doctor
Be	Be	Jay	Tpg	None	S	BOH	Butterfly(Blue)
Be	Be	Jay	Tpt+Mallard	S+O	S	None	Caragh No4
Be	Be	Jay	Tpg	None	S	None	Fitzgibbon No2 (ST)
Be	Be	Jay	GP tail + BWD +R+Be	S+Gy	S	None	Old Blue
Be	Be	Jay	Tpg+IC	G+Y	G	None	Shannon No3
Be	Be	Jay	Tpg	T	G	None	Tweed Gaudy No2
Be	Be	Jay+Be	Tpt	G	G	None	Forester's No26
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Be	Be	None	O	G	G	None	Forester's No7 (ST)
Be	Be	None	Tpt	BOH	S	None	Forester's Sea Trout Fly No1
Be	Be	None	Tpg+Chatterer	S+Y	S	None	Green Peacock
Be	Be	None	None	None	S	None	Kerry Blackwater Summer 2
Be	Be	None	Bn Mallard	None	G	None	MacIntosh No4
Be	Be	None	Jay+Y	S+O	S	None	North West Irish No7 (ST)
Be	Be	None	None	None	None	None	Shannon Spring No4
Be	Be	Pintail	Tpg+JC	S+Y	S	Bk	Greenwell
Be	Be	R	GP tail	S	S	None	Olga
Be	Be	R+Teal or Gallina	None	None	None	None	Grey Turkey
Be	Be	Tpg	Tpg+Tpt+ Kingfisher	S+Be	S	None	Blue Parson
Be	Be	WD+Tpt	Tpt+Y+BWD	S+Y	S	BOH	Conway No3
Be	Be	Widgeon	Tpg+JC	S+O	S	BOH	Greenwell
Be	Be	Widgeon	Tpg+JC	S	S	BOH	Greenwell

Be	Be	Woodcock	Tpg	S	S	BOH	Blue Jock Scott
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Addendum/Notes