

## **Buoyant Hare's Ear Nymph**

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Hook: #14 - #18 light wire scud or dry fly

Thread: 6/0 Dansville rust color

Tail, underbody, & under thorax: Elk Hair

Body: 50/50 blend of light Hare's Ear Mask & Australian Opossum

Rib: Tying thread

Wingcase flash (optional): narrow, silver holographic flash

Wingcase: Lacquered wild turkey tail fibers

Thorax: Same as body

1. Select, clean and stack an appropriate bundle of Elk Hair. Measure to  $\frac{1}{2}$  shank length (or equivalent for scud hooks). Tie in with two wraps of thread, lift remaining hair and wrap touching wraps forward to rear of thorax position.
2. Tie Elk down at rear of thorax with two wraps of thread. Lift remaining hair again, and wrap touching wraps forward to a little more than hook-eye-width from the hook eye.
3. Tie Elk hair down the third time with two wraps of thread. Fold the hair back over the thorax. Wrap thread toward hook eye building a thread ramp toward the hook eye. Make a big, wide wrap of thread back to the rear of the thorax (middle Elk Hair tie down position).
4. Fold remaining Elk hair back over thorax and tied down here at rear of thorax. Cut off remaining Elk Hair butts.
5. Apply dubbing to thread – less is best, and slightly fuzzy is great. Loose wraps back to the tail will prevent crushing the Elk hair under body. The underbody provides and pre-taper to the body.
6. Stop dubbing at the rear of the thorax. Reverse wrap body with 3 or 4 wraps of tying thread.
7. Tie in wingcase. If using optional flash, tie it in before the turkey tail fibers.
8. Dub thread and wrap thorax. You are looking for a large thorax, but not so large as to create a BIG step down to the hook at the hook eye.
9. Pull the turkey wingcase over the thorax and secure with 2 or 3 wraps of thread. If using optional flash, pull it over and secure with 2 wraps of thread.
10. Whip finish twice (3 wraps each), and cement. Make sure hook eye is clear of cement with a bodkin needle or equivalent.

