

## FLY OF THE MONTH – *Purple Cripple*



What is it that makes the color purple an attraction to trout? I am not aware of any insects (trout food) that has a dominant purple color. As a result we have the purple pupa, purple assassin and the purple haze. All of these are very effective patterns. The Purple Cripple pattern was developed by Blue Ribbon Flies and it has proven to be an essential summer addition. Tie-up a few and give them a try especially if you are planning a trip out west. The Purple Cripple is effective on our home waters too. Try it with a small dropper behind.

### Recipe:

Hook: Tiemco 100, sizes #14 or #16

Thread: Iron Grey 8/0

Shuck: Mayfly Brown straight Zelon (available from BRF)

Body: Emergence Purple dubbing (available from BRF)

Wing: White poly yarn

Hackle: Grizzly trimmed at bottom

### Tying Instructions:

1. At the hook bend tie-in the tail at a length slightly shorter than the body length.
2. Dub the tying thread and wrap a dubbed body about two thirds up the hook shank.
3. Tie-in a length of poly yarn extending out over the eye of the hook.
4. Stand the wing up and wrap several turns of thread at the base in front of the wing. The wing should angle slightly forward.
5. Trim the wing length just short of the body length in front and to the body in the rear.
6. At the wing tie-in point tie-in the hackle and make two turns behind the wing and one turn in front of the wing. Tie-off and whip finish.
7. Trim the bottom of the hackle even with the hook point.

### Go fishing!

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