

CDC and peacock caddis emerger.

The opportunistic trout seem to like to take emergers even at the height of the hatch. This fly has been particularly effective on the early little black caddis hatch on local streams this year. I have fished it both to rising fish taking fluttering caddises but also fished effectively to likely lies where no fish were observed rising. The early black caddis appear in the air and on the surface to have very light colored wings and both grey and tan deer hair seem equally effective. I dress both the deer hair and the hackle lightly to make the fly float hook down below the film with the head above the film. I have also caught several fish allowing the fly to float to the end of the drift and then pulling it under, which seems to trigger strikes

Hook: Tiemco 2457 caddis pupae, size #14 - #18

Thread: Black, 6/0

Trailing Shuck: CDC fibers

Body: Single strand peacock herl

Hackle: Black rooster hackle

Wing: Light tan or grey deer hair

Wrap thread back to hook bend and tie in CDC fibers as a trailing shuck.

Tie in single strand of peacock herl tip first, bring thread back to a little more than







one eye length behind eye, wrap peacock forward, tie off and clip excess. Tie in hackle, take 4-6 wraps and tie off. Clean and stack deer hair, lay tips-forward over eye, about one hook gap, pinch, take two loose wraps, and then several tight wraps to spread hair. Now take several wraps ahead of the hair just behind the eye to lift hair slightly. Cut off butts tight to hook shank and whip finish fly. Clip bottom hackle even with hook point. Splay deer hair



slightly, comparadun style, and finish with head cement.

