

Warm Welcome

We are thrilled to announce a member of the W&A team. Please help us in extending a warm welcome to Scott.

Scott Kirkpatrick became a member of the Wambolt team in March 2021 and has hit the ground running as the Controller of the firm. With over 20 years of experience in banking and financial services, his knowledge and immediate contributions to the firm have been invaluable. Scott oversees the finance and accounting aspects of the firm, along with the human resources and compliance functions.



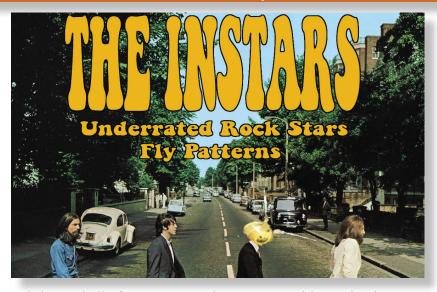
Over his career, Scott has worked for several financial institutions where his responsibilities ranged from financial analysis, budgeting, forecasting, full-cycle accounting, banking operations and has a prominent background in leadership. He brings tremendous insight into best practices related to expense management, accounting, and compensation, as well as office management. With a proven track record of process improvements, he is hopeful to create efficiencies for the company. His knowledge of banking regulations will assist the firm in staying compliant with the requirements of the SEC.

When Scott is not at work crunching numbers, he loves to ski with his children, enjoys road and mountain biking, and finds opportunities to travel with his family.

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Fly of the Month-September 2021



While one hell of a musician, when Dave Grohl was the drummer and the backup singer for front man Kurt Cobain in Nirvana, his potential was never fully realized. It was when Grohl stepped to the front of the stage, founded the Foo Fighters, sold more than 12 million albums in the US, and won 11 Grammy's that his musical genius and stardom was fully seen! While we all have our starting lineup of nymph patterns such as the pheasant tail and black Pat's Rubber Legs, it is the underrated and overlooked fly patterns matching the mayfly and stonefly nymphs' <u>instars</u> that can really take the river by storm!



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FLY OF THE MONTH • CRYSTAL METH SUCKER SPAWN FLY • SIZES 8-16

Born on the tributaries of the Great Lakes, this little pattern is an eye-catching interpretation of a sucker spawn. Great for salmon, trout, or steelhead, this pattern is particularly effective and has been the downfall of many a trophy fish!

Dry/Wet: Wet | **Fly Category**: Attractor Pattern, True-Fly Pattern | **Family**: Eggs & Worms-

Species: N/A | **Life Stage**: N/A



The Instars - Underrated Rock Star Fly Patterns

By: Peter Stitcher - Ascent Fly Fishing

As mayfly and stonefly nymphs mature from egg to adult, they go through a number of stages of development called instars. Depending on the species of mayfly or stonefly, they might go through between 10 to 45 of these transitions or instars. The key physical transformation that marks the instar is the shedding of the nymph's exoskeleton and the emergence of brightly colored nymph ready to take the stage and grab the attention of hungry trout!



Instars Put on a Show for Hungry Trout

Mayfly and stonefly nymphs that were a mottled and muted camouflage of blacks, browns, olives, and dark yellows before their instar now **emerge into the water varying in hue from an almost albino peachy/white to a**

bright yellow! The once black salmonfly nymphs hiding in the shadows and the brown/grey blue winged olive nymphs blending in with the algae, will for a couple of days look like Axel Rose in the spotlight donning bright yellow spandex!

Having just passed through an instar, these nymphs can't help but stand out to the hungry eyes of feeding trout, and this creates an amazing opportunity for the fly fisher to mix up their fly patterns and turn an average day on the water into one for the record books!

Hot Fly Patterns for Matching Instars

Nymph patterns tied in yellow, white, gold, and cahill are going to be your best ones for matching the instars! Some of my personal favorites are:

1. The Pat's Rubber Legs in Gold

Matching Large Stoneflies in hook sizes 8-14



2. The Beadhead Lightning Bolt in *Yellow* Matching Small Stoneflies and Mayflies in hook sizes 12-18



3. The Beadhead Psycho Prince in *Metallic Yellow*

Matching Small Stoneflies and Mayflies in hook sizes 12-20



So, the next time you are on the water and turn over a rock to be greeted by the bright yellow flash of a nymph freshly molted from an instar, tie on the brightest yellow bugs in your fly box and hold on tight because the show is about to get started!