

These local fly & insect patterns are used in the Snowy Mountains & are worth having in your fly box. Take note of water insects & bugs where you are, using similar flies or insect patterns is a good place to start.

UW = Unweighted
Shallow: Surface feeding trout

BH = Bead Head
Slow sinking: Slow water

TBH = Tungsten Bead Head
Fast sinking: Fast water

DRY FLIES

Ants
Beetles
Elk Hair Caddis (natural, grey & white)
Humpy Royals
Indicators
Stimulators (royals, red & yellow)
White Moths
Wulffs (natural, grey & white)

NYPHHS

Black (UW, BH, TBH)
Brown (UW, BH, TBH)
Olive (UW, BH, TBH)
Stick Caddis

WETS

Goldfish
Hammils Killer (light & dark)
Matuka (green & black)
Mrs. Simpson (brown & green)
Woolly Bugger's (UW & BH)

"MATCH THE HATCH"

Having the right fly makes all the difference depending on your location. Watch for surface insect life such as moths, mosquitos & midges particularly in warmer weather conditions. Select a fly that best replicates the size, colour & appearance of local insect life in & around the waters edge, for best results.

LOCAL FLIES



Parchute Hopper



Snowy Mountains Hopper



Thredbo Klinkhammer



Kosi Dun



Jindy Special



Red Mayfly



Black Beetle



Black Ant



Brown Ant

NYPHHS



Red Tag BH



Olive



Black



Brown BH



Olive BH



Black BH

WETS



Tom Jones



Goldfish



Mrs. Simpson Brown



Woolly Bugger Olive



Woolly Bugger Brown



Woolly Bugger Black

FLY FISHING BASICS

ESSENTIALS

Waders
Fly Vest
Hat
Sunscreen
Landing Net
Fly Line Cleaner
Line Clippers
Strike Indicators
Floatant & Sinkant
Polarising Glasses
Fly boxes (wet & dry)
Hook Remover / Disgorger
Spare Leaders 3x 4x 5x
Spare Tippet 3x 4x 5x
Fast Sink Polyleader
Needle (untieing tangles)
Water / Sports Drink
Energy Bar / Gel

ACCESSORIES

Torch
Fish Bag
Knife
Retractors
Spare Clothes
Leader Straightener
Split Ring Pliers
Needle Nose Pliers
Walking Shoes & Socks
Small Split Shots
Hook Sharpener

SKILL LEVEL & RIVER FLOW

With possible high water levels & flow in rivers & streams in spring, due to snow melt, only wade up to your knees when your starting your fly fishing journey, as you gain more confidence you can choose to wade deeper if necessary. Make sure your feet are steady & you have good footing on the river bed before you cast.

CLOTHING

Correct clothing for trout fishing is important so your not seen by the fish. Good colours are dark green & brown, so you blend in with the background flora. Blue is a bad color in the Snowy Mountains as march flies are attracted to it, they will bite through thick jeans.

A sensible hat & polaroid sunglasses is important to shade your eyes, making it easier to spot fish. It's better to layer your clothes so you can strip down when they day warms up. If you intend on wading, take a change of clothes in a waterproof bag, it's easy to fall in.



Fly Vest
(hard or soft pouches)



Booted Waders
(thick socks ideal)



Stocking Foot Waders
(with wading boots)



Booted Thigh Waders
(thick socks ideal)