

# *A Partial List of John Turton's Flies, 1836: 30 of 69 patterns*

*From: Lawrie: English Trout Flies. 1967*

## 1. March Brown:

Wings: wing feather of Partridge, red mottled, top of tail or rump feather

Legs: Wren's tail feather

Body: brown down from fox's ear, twisted on orange silk

Silk: orange

And in summer:

Wings

and Legs: feather from the outside of a Woodcock's wing, which is grey mottled and grey at the end.

Body: dark brown tammy dubbing spun on Devonshire brown silk

## 3. Brown Watchet or Orange Brown: (all season)

Wings

and Legs: wren tail feather (hackle wise)

Body: bright, light orange silk

Head: green Peacock feather

Silk: light orange

Note: a little brown bear's (Substitute dyed rabbit or hare) down is used at the spring of the year, twisted round the silk. In dark waters, a little green Peacock's feather, under wing. (his is a "thorax" of herl).

## 8. Red Spider Fly:

Wings

and Legs: red mottled Partridge rump feather

Body: hare's ear, dark colored at bottom and grey at top

Silk: yellow

Note: in summer, for dark water, yellow dubbing is used. A very good fly and often wanted.

## 9. Brown Spider Fly:

Wings: large brown feather outside Woodcock's wing

Body: bright lead-colored silk

Legs: black hen's feather from neck.

Note: A good fly, called the Sand Fly by some.

## 12. Down Looker:

Wings

and Legs: brown feather from outside Woodcock's wing (hackle wise)

Body: light, bright orange silk, ribbed with a thick black horse-hair; made small at tail, dark brown down from fox's ear under wing. (Thorax)

Silk: orange

Note: in discolored waters, this is a good killer as can be used, and takes the largest fish.

## 14. Black Gnat:

Wings

and Legs: the small light Starling's under-wing feather

Body: black Ostrich and pewit's cap feather (Crest feather)

Silk: black

## 15. Yellow Spider:

Wings

and Legs: light brown mottled Moor-Game's feather

Body: light yellow silk and yellow Marten's fur from the throat (Substitute light yellow rabbit)

Silk: yellow

Note: good in clear water

## 21. Brown Shiner:

Wings

and Legs: light brown mottled Moor-Game's (Red Grouse) feather from bottom of neck

Body: light orange silk at tail, and green Peacock's feather close under wing, (Thorax! MC) headed with green Peacock

Silk: light orange

Note: at particular times, especially after rains, it is made with mulberry-colored silk, and dark brown tammy twisted upon the silk; wing, a Grouse feather, nearly black.

This is a great killer after rains and in black waters; by some anglers called Old Joan.

23. Purple Midge: (September and October)

Wings  
and Legs: the blue feather, shaded with green at edge, out of an old  
cock Pheasant's neck  
Body: black down, twisted on purple silk (Use mole dyed black)  
Silk: purple.

27. Whirling Blue: (March and April)

Wings: feather from under Waterhen's wing, hackle wise  
Body: mole's fur spun thinly on yellow silk  
Silk: yellow

28. Black and Red: (all season)

Wings  
and Legs: black hen's feather from neck  
Body: black silk at tail, and black down close under the wing  
(thorax of black mole fur)  
Silk: red

29. Green Tail: (April)

Wings  
and Legs: light brown mottled Woodcock's feather from bottom of neck  
Body: hare's ear, the brown part ribbed with brimstone-colored silk;  
head green peacock's hurl and tip of tail dark green silk.  
Silk: orange

Note: a very good fly, but only lasts about a week.

30. Snipe Dun: (April and May)

Wings  
and Legs: a full Snipe's under-wing feather  
Body: blue rabbit's down, twisted on yellow silk  
Silk: yellow

31. Red Shiner Fly: (April)

Wings  
and Legs: red Woodcock's feather from butt end of wing  
Body: light bright orange silk, ribbed with green Peacock's hurl  
and Peacock hurl at head.  
Silk: orange

Note: a good killer after rains. It changes these colors. If there are bright days, the Red Owl's feather from butt end of wing is used for wings. If a dark day, the Brown Owl's feather must be used from outside of wing. If low clear water, the Partridge's rump feather is best.

32. Cowdung Fly: (may)

Wings  
and Legs: feather from underside of Jay's wing  
Body: pea-green mohair spun on tying silk  
Silk: pea-green

33. Black May Fly or Silver Palmer:(May)

Wings  
and Legs: a black hen's hackle feather  
Body: black Ostrich's feather, ribbed with silver twist  
Silk: black

34. Oak Fly: (May)

Wings  
and Legs: Partridge rump feather, without moon (No brown barring  
included!)  
Body: yellow silk, ribbed with a strong black horse hair, light brown  
down under wing (thorax of brown hare or rabbit under fur!)

35. Iron Blue Fly: (May)

Wings  
and Legs: outside or butt end of Merlin Hawk's wing  
Body: dark Water-rat dubbing, ribbed with yellow silk  
Silk: yellow

Note: An excellent fly and frequently comes on after showers of rain.

43. Netted Fly: (June)

Wings  
and Legs: light mottled Partridge feather from out of the horse-shoe  
mark on the breast  
Body: yellow silk, and yellow Marten's fur close under wing  
(Thorax! Substitute yellow hare or rabbit.)  
Silk: yellow

44. Gold-Colored Dun: (June)

Wings  
and Legs: yellow or Golden Plover, from outside of wing  
Body: gold colored mohair, twisted on the silk close under wing  
(Thorax)  
Silk: gold-colored

Note: best early in a morning or late at night.

45. Brown Gnat: (June)

Wings

and Legs: from under Starling's wing

Body: lightest brown and violet down mixed, twisted on the silk  
(Substitute rabbit dyed with marker).

Silk: very light brown

Note: a good fly in clear water; made long and very thin. By some anglers, it is called the Fern Fly.

49. Buff Colored Dun or Stream Fly: (June and July)

Wings

and Legs: a buff-colored dun hen's feather

Body: buff-colored mohair, and yellow dubbing mixed close under wing. (Thorax, mohair and Rabbit).

Silk: buff-colored

53. July Blue Dun: (July)

Wings

and Legs: bluecap's tail, or a dark blue Pigeon's feather (Substitute starling dyed dark blue with marker.)

Body: mole's and Marten's fur mixed, twisted on silk (Substitute red brown mohair.)

Silk: ash colored

54. Violet Midge: (July)

Wings

and Legs: jackdaw's neck

Body: pale-pink silk, and Water rat's down, dubbed close under wing

Silk: violet

55. Stone Midge: (July)

Wings

and Legs: pewit's topping feather (Crest)

Body: fibers of Blue Heron's wing; a silver color, headed with green Peacock's feather

56. Orange Black: (July)

Wings

and Legs: black hen's hackle feather

Body: bright orange silk

Silk: orange

57. Wasp Fly: (July)

Wings

and Legs: starling's under-wing feather

Body: brown Bear's hair, (Substitute mohair) ribbed with yellow silk

Silk: light brown

58. Black Palmer: (July to September)

Wings

and Legs: black hen's hackle feather

Body: copper-colored Peacock's feather; after rains, ribbed with silver twist

Silk: dark orange

67. Grey Dun Midge: (September)

Wings

and Legs: woodcock's under-wing feather

Body: bright orange silk, headed with magpie's tail green feather

Silk: orange

69. Winter Brown: (October and November)

Wings

and Legs: woodcock's under-wing feather

Body: bright orange silk, headed with Magpie's tail green feather

Silk: orange