

The Coch-y-Bonndu

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The Coch-y-Bonndu (pronounced "coch-a-bon-ddu") is of the order Coleoptera and is of Welsh origin. Its name means "red with black trunk", however it has a reddish brown body with a dark peacock green thorax.



Other names for it are the Field chaffer and June bug, all names given to a little rotund, terrestrial beetle found in large numbers during the month of June.

Dressing

Hook	Dry fly size 12 to 14. (Kamasan B400 or B401)	Body	Bronze peacock herl (3 or 4 strands).
Thread	Black 6/0 or 8/0 Uni thread.	Hackle	Dark furnace or Coch-y-bonndu (Red game with a black centre). Cock for a dry fly and Hen for a wet.
Tag/Butt	Fine Flat gold tinsel.	Head	Tying thread



Step 1

Secure hook in vice, "ping it", and catch on tying thread.



Step 2

Take tying thread down hook shank, in touching turns, to just around the bend of the hook.



Step 3

Prepare gold tinsel by cutting to a point...



Step 4

...and catch in the tip.



Step 5

Advance tying thread up hook shank, in touching turns, to cover the "butt" area then move tying thread forward out of the way.



Step 6

Wind flat gold tinsel to form "butt" by overlapping each turn and secure.

Tip : Add a touch of super-glue to the butt area before winding the tinsel over it. This will help to secure the tinsel.



Step 7

Remove waste tinsel and tie in 3 to 4 strands of bronze peacock herl by their tips.



Step 8

Advance tying thread towards eye...



Step 9

...and wind peacock herl to form the body, then secure and remove waste. (a little touch of super-glue added before winding herl over it makes the body more secure from the trouts teeth).



Step 10

Prepare cock hackle, to form a "comb"...



Step 11

...and tie in with the "shiny" side facing you then move tying thread up to eye).



Step 12

Wind cock hackle, in touching turns, up to eye...



Step 13

...secure, remove waste hackle and whip finish to form small, neat head.



Step 14

Add a touch of varnish to the head to complete the fly.



The finished fly.



The other side.