

# Gaspe Flies – Monteur Quebec

## Introduction

In the spirit of this symposium being an *international* event, the following fly patterns for Atlantic Salmon have been selected specifically to recognize the often-overlooked contribution that French Canadian fly tyers have made to the creation of Atlantic Salmon flies. Incidentally, **monteur** is the French word for fly tier, and **mouch** is fly.

These patterns were designed originally to fish the historic and revered Atlantic Salmon rivers of the Gaspe peninsula in Quebec Canada (see map below). The patterns I have tied are a blend of both tradition as well as non-traditional flies, which illustrates that both old and new can exist to bring the fun and joy to tying as well as catching.

I would like to recognize Mr. Jacques Heroux who assisted me in selecting these six patterns illustrated in this document. The selection was based on the individual style of each pattern as well as the success they have demonstrated on Gaspe rivers. Jacques, a great tier in his own right, is the author of *Mouches pour le saumon atlantique* (Atlantic Salmon Flies - 2017). This is a *must have* book containing history, tyer biographies, and clear depictions and descriptions of over 325 patterns.

I hope you find this small selection useful in your tying!

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## John Olin – *Paul LeBlanc*



*John Olin was a former president of the Atlantic Salmon Federation and created for the Grand Cascapedia River.*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Read\\_6dSkQM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Read_6dSkQM)

- **Tag:** Fine oval silver tinsel.
- **Tail:** Golden Pheasant rump feather fibers - yellow.
- **Body:** Flat gold tinsel.
- **Rib:** Oval gold tinsel.
- **Wing:** Black bear hair or Arctic Fox
- **Throat:** Black Hen hackle, Option - tie a Collar and omit the Cheek
- **Cheek:** Jungle Cock, typically tied when using a Throat and not a Collar
- **Head:** Red

## Picasse - *Marc LeBlanc*



*Popular on the Grand Cascapedia due to its tannin color, and on other rivers where high water and off-colored conditions.*

This fly was developed by Marc LeBlanc and was created to be a very durable fly guide type fly.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iZUQ6QINL64>

- **Body:** Black Swannundaze
- **Wing:** Black Krystal Flash over Yellow Arctic Fox
- **Shoulder:** Amherst Pheasant Tippetts
- **Cheeks:** Jungle Cock
- **Collar:** Blue Eared Pheasant or Heron or Whiting Spey Cape hackle
- **Head:** Black with a band of yellow thread

N.B. – Hook (Fr. *hamecon*) sizes **typically** range from 1/0 to #6 usage based on water level and quality. These companies all make reliable hooks; Partridge, Tiemco, AJ Flies, Gamakatsu, Daiichi, and others.

## Pompier – Michel Beaudin



*Michel Beaudin originated the Pompier in 1980. Michel is a retired Montreal fireman. Popular on the Matane River.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hdJk6Ox3oY0>

- **Tag:** Fine Oval gold tinsel
- **Tail:** Red dyed Golden Pheasant Crest or red Golden Pheasant rump feather
- **Body:** Black dubbing picked out; some use black chenille; others use black floss
- **Rib:** Medium Oval gold tinsel
- **Wing:** Yellow hair of your choosing
- **Cheeks:** Jungle Cock (optional)
- **Collar:** Green Hen hackle tied nearly to hook point
- **Head:** Red

## Lord Spey – Daniel Bolduc



*Popular cold and clear water fly e.g., Bonaventure River.*

- **Tag:** Fine Oval silver tinsel (6 turns)
- **Rear Body:** Fl. Blue flat tinsel
- **Front Body:** Peacock herl
- **Underwing:** Strands of Blue bucktail or Arctic Fox guard hairs
- **Throat:** Strands of Blue bucktail or Arctic Fox guard hairs, then Blue Hen hackle
- **Wing:** Blue Swan over small and short Arctic Fox underwing

## Ruelland Special – Leo Ruelland



*Extensively fished on other Gaspé rivers like the York and Bonaventure. It enjoys a good reputation as an evening fly.*

**Tip:** Silver Oval Tinsel

**Tag:** Green Floss

**Tail:** – Green/Yellow Bucktail, Arctic Fox, Kiptail, or Schlappen

**Butt:** Peacock Herl

**Body:** Bright Green Tinsel

**Rib:** Black Micro-Chenille, Peacock Herl, Twisted Bear Hair, or Floss

**Wing:** Black Hair (e.g., Arctic Fox, Squirrel, Bear)

**Throat:** Grizzly Tips

**Collar:** Grizzly Hen Hackle

## Pelletier – Raymond Pelletier



*Created for fishing the Matane just northeast of Rimouski Que.*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l4Iqz-PjFTc>

- **Tag:** Fine Oval Gold tinsel
- **Tail:** Gold Pheasant crest
- **Butt:** Yellow Ostrich herl or bright yellow dubbing (bump Intruder-style)
- **Body:** Black Wool
- **Rib:** Medium Oval Gold tinsel
- **Wing:** White Arctic Fox
- **Collar:** Grizzly hen hackle
- **Cheeks:** Jungle Cock (optional)