

## Winter Fly Tying Session for Thursday, March 9:

This week's fly, the Bradley Special, has two unique features that make it just a bit different than most Catskill dries: the body consists of red fox squirrel spun between two stands of red silk, allowing the red color to show through, and according to the Dettles catalog, there were four different wings that the fly could be tied with.

### Bradley Special

Hook: Standard dry fly, size 12 to 16

Thread: Red silk (or red thread for those of us that don't have the silk)

Tail: Brown hackle barbs

Wings: One of four choices

1. Gray mallard, slightly flared
2. Teal as above
3. Wood duck/Mandarin
4. Brown mallard

Body: Back fur of a red squirrel, spun between two strands of red silk

Hackle: Brown

The above dressing was found in *Tying Catskill-Style Dry Flies*, by Mike Valla. Page fifty-eight from that book has a good picture of the fly with the Dettle's catalog card that they used. Also, the same fly can be found on pages eighty-six and eighty-seven of David Klausmeyer's *101 Favorite Dry Flies: History, Tying Tips, and Fishing Strategies*.

This week's ties and photos of the fly were provided by Mark Sturtevant.



You've got the Zoom link in your email. Come join us this Thursday night at 7:00!