## **DREDGE**

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**FISHING METHOD:** Floating line with 10 -16 Ft leader. Use the count down method to get the fly just off the bottom. Use a slow to medium retrieve (4 - 8 inch steady strips) with a several quick 2 - 3 inch pulls every 30 - 40 seconds. Use the same retrieve for sinking lines. Try using this fly on the shoals during the evening.

Hook	Mustad 9672 3x size 8 - 12		
Thread	6/0 or 8/0 black		
Tail	Deer hair body tips (15 - 20)		
Ribbing	Tag of tying thread		
Body	Deer hair		
Hackle	Pheasant rump - blue phase		

## **TYING NOTES:**

- 1. First pinch your barb, then lay a thread base down. Leave a thread tag of 6 inches for your rib.
- 2. Tie in 15 20 deer hair strands for the tail, twice the hook gap. Wrap the remaining deer hair for the body.
- 3. Counter wrap the rib (5 7 ribs).
- 4. Tie in a folded pheasant rump feather by the stem and wrap the hackle 2 3 times, tie off.
- 5. Build a small thread head and whip finish the fly.

**HISTORY:** One of the early names for Col. Carey's special was the DREDGE. The original was tied with ground hog hair. T. Brayshaw tied variations with wrapped deer hair. The original was tied with a full collar.

**VARIATION:** Green dredge - olive deer body, lime green rib, green pheasant rump, damsel. Tied sparse, can represent a shrimp.