

SCOTCH POACHER

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This is a very popular night fly and can be tied in a full range of sizes from 6-14.

- Start behind the eye with a black thread and lay a thread base to the bend of the hook and back.
- Measure out a length of black squirrel tail that is about two and a half times the length of the hook and fix it in, working back to the bend of the hook.
- Tie in gold tinsel and orange chenille and bring the thread back to behind the eye. Orange wool can be used instead of chenille.
- Wrap the chenille or wool forward with close wraps and tie off, followed by open wraps of the tinsel.
- Lay 3-5 overlapped pukeko feathers over the shank of the hook, so that they protrude half to two thirds of the way to the end of the squirrel tail.
- The larger the hook the more pukeko feathers are generally used.
- Fix in firmly then add an orange hackle.
- Finish by building up the head to lay back and cover up any loose hackle fibres, then add finishing varnish.

Appreciate it in the daytime. It doesn't look as good at 11:15pm, but it does catch fish then