

## *Fly of the Month, April – Pseudo Sculpin*

**Hook:** A typical 4X Long streamer hook

**Thread:** First white Uni-Stretch then 6/0 brown thread for the head

**Tail:** A pinch of Fox Squirrel tail fur

**Underbody:** Thin lead weighting wire

**Wing:** A pinch of Fox Squirrel tail fur

**Hackle:** Speckled Hen, tied full then swept back

**Eyes:** Gold mylar stick-on

**Head coating:** Aqua flex or epoxy

photo #7, Completed Fly



photo #1



photo #2



photo #3



photo #4



photo #5



photo #6



**Photo # 1** Form a base of the Uni-stretch thread and tie in the tail.

**Photo # 2** Wrap in a lead wire underbody.

**Photo # 3** Wrap over the lead weight wire to form the body.

**Photo # 4** Tie in a second pinch of Fox Squirrel tail fur on the top of the hook shank.

**Photo # 5** Tie in a third pinch of the Fox Squirrel tail fur on the top of the hook shank.

**Photo # 6** Tie off the white uni-stretch and trim off the excess. Tie in the brown thread and form a cone shaped head. Tie in the hen feather.

**Photo # 7** Wrap the hen feather as a collar, folding it back as you wrap. Tie it off, and trim off the excess. Build up the tapered head large enough to support the mylar eyes. Whip finish the brown thread and trim off the excess. Affix the mylar eyes and coat the head with epoxy or Aquaflex. This is the completed fly.

*This fly is a tribute to Dick Talleur who passed away February 18, 2011. He will be missed. Dick was a legendary author of at least 10 books on the subject of fly fishing and tying. He was a major contributor to numerous fly fishing magazines including the American Angler as a free lance writer. He demonstrated his imagination and prowess as a Master Tier in the numerous shows and expo venues of the north east. So many patterns are a variation of an existing pattern. This is an original pattern tied by Dick Talleur in his book "Guide to Fly Tying."*

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