

## *Fly of the Month, February – The Usual (for bonefish)*

**Hook:** #8 to #4 Saltwater 2X long; example tied on size 4 Mustad #3407DT

**Thread:** 6/0, rust or tan color thread

**Weight:** Brass Bead Chain eyes. Small for #8 hook. Medium for size 6 or 4 hook

**Eyes:** Burnt #20 Mono with head cement sealant

**Mouth:** Rabbit fur, natural color

**Legs:** Silicon legs, pumpkin color

**Wing:** Craft Fur, tan color

**Body:** Dubbed under fur of Craft Fur, tan color

**Weed Guard:** Single Prong of #20 mono

**Photo # 1** Tie in a solid base of thread under the placement of the bead chain weight. Figure eight wrap the weight on the under side of the hook. Continue the solid base of thread to the hook point. Tie in a tuft of natural rabbit fur to project out as a mouth. Tie in the two mono eyes to extend out even with the tips of the rabbit.

**Photo # 2** Tie in the two lengths of Silicon Rubber legs doubled over in the middle to form four legs trailing backwards.

**Photo # 3** Clean out the under fur from a tuft of Craft fur and save it on the side for the next step. Tie in the long strands of the Craft Fur trailing out to form an over head wing.

**Photo # 4** Form a dubbing loop with the under fur that you saved from the previous step. Bring your thread to the hook eye. Spiral wrap the dubbing loop of craft under fur to the hook eye drawing back on each wrap to prevent the fur from getting buried. Tie in a length of #20 mono at the eye to form the weed guard. Whip finish and trim off the excess thread. This is the completed fly.

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