

## Fly of the month

Our fly tyer this month is Ron Whittington and at the August flytying night tied up his variation of the Silver Doctor.



**Hook:** Standard wet fly size 12

**Thread:** Clear or white 6/0

**Tail:** Three red goose biots

**Body:** 4 turns of lead wire covered with silver tinsel

**Wings:** 4 goose wing slips

**Head:** Peacock herl

**Tying sequence :** Place hook in vice, tie in the tail and the silver tinsel. Wrap lead around the shank and then take thread forward to the tie off point behind the eye. Wind the tinsel forward over the lead wraps and secure it with a couple of turns of thread. Tie in four goose wing slips and then build up a head of peacock herl. Whip finish and apply head cement.

The Silver Doctor is a traditional trout and salmon loch style fly dating back to the 1850's and is known as a pulling fly. It can be tied in almost any size but Ron generally uses it in hook sizes 14 to 8. Other variations Ron uses include using black slips for the wings and different coloured tinsel over the lead wraps. Extra wing slips can be added for heavy water conditions

**Fishing method :** Ron uses this bright attractor fly as the middle dropper in a team of three flies fished loch style from the bank, but also fishes it as a single fly in murky water with long casts to give the fish plenty of time to see it. Be prepared for fish taking the fly as it rises to the surface when you are lifting off to recast.