

**Strawman Nymph  
(Cased Caddis)  
Tied by Pete Yarrington**



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**Hook:** Mustad 3906B, size 12  
**Thread:** Black 6/0  
**Tail:** Lemon or natural wood duck fibers  
**Body:** Sparse, spun deer hair, clipped short  
**Rib:** Yellow Floss

Fish in faster moving waters, where cased caddis are likely to be found dislodged.

I hope if anyone tries the Strawman Nymph they will let me know of any success they have. As I mentioned, it has been a good fly for me, off and on, at Big Hunting Creek in the spring. Though part of me wonders if the trout took it because it might look like a hatchery food pellet... Huh.

FWIW, there are pictures of the original Paul Young Strawman pattern on [classicflyrodforum.com](http://classicflyrodforum.com), and I'll try to put a link here, though its been glitchy every other time I tested it <http://classicflyrodforum.com/forum/viewtopic.php?f=73&t=19613>

In looking at the pattern description Bob Kaiser provided above, I went back to find the pattern descriptions I used. I first got the pattern from A.J. McClane's chapter in the book, "The Masters on the Nymph" At the end of his chapter, he gives the patterns for four nymphs he says have been old favorites. (The other three are Hare's Ear Nymph, Leadwing Coachman Nymph, and Iron Blue Nymph.) The Strawman pattern there is the basically the same as Bob gives, but McClane says "if desired, a turn or two of partridge hackle may be added" I have never done that, but there you go. As a side note, in looking that up after a long time, I found that McClane ended his chapter with a poem that I wrote down at one point and then forgot where I got it from. A bonus for me, since it always bugged me that I could not re-locate it. I'll add it here for anyone else who hasn't seen it and enjoys such things.

I dreamed,  
that I again my native hills had found,  
the mossy rocks, the valley, and the  
stream that used to hold me captive  
to its sound.  
And I was a boy again.  
(Anon.)