TRANSLUCENT CRANE FLY LARVA

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Crane flies look like giant mosquitos and are true flies and related to midges. Their nymphs are rather large and are imitated by a number of fly patterns including "Walt's Worm" and the "Utah Killer Bug", among others. This recipe was obtained from Tim Flagler and MidCurrent Electronic Magazine. This fly really shines when wet as the bright pink thread shows trough the translucent wool yarn. This fly fishes better as the wool is teased out.

Dry Fly, as tied:



Wet Fly:



Hook: 3X Long Curved shank nymph hook (straight eye) Wire: 8 - 10 wraps 0.025 lead on front third of the hook Thread: Fluorescent Pink 3/0 or 140 denier Yarn: Jamieson's Shetland Spindrift "Oyster" or "Sand" Color Rib: Red or Pink Ultra wire, optional