Honey Ant (Mike Lawson) HOOK: Dai Riki 070-14; THREAD: black or brown ABDOMEN Hare’s Ice, Golden Brown WINGS: UV Krystal Flash, amber: WING: Para Post, dark dun HEAD: Senyo Fusion dubbing, Tabacco

**Substitutions:** I think Mike’s original used Aussie Possum dubbing. Lots of substitutions – Ice Dub, Superfine, varied colors - observe the ants in your area!

**Fishing Tips:** In our mountain stillwaters I see a lot of spindly flying ants in reds, coppers and browns. Even when there’s not a lot of flying ants, the strays get fish attention in the early morning hours.

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Prep:

a. If your antron yarn has the intermittent weaves holding the strands together, like Para Post or McFlylon, take some time to tease them out with a bodkin and separate a bundle of the desired volume before starting.

**Tying Tips**

1. Start thread mid shank, as an index. Dub the abdomen behind the thread index, forming a tight football shape.
2. Bind three strands of Krystal Flash as legs. You only need a few turns of thread to bind them tightly.
3. Cut the wing bundle square and tie in just behind the eye of the hook. **TIP:** make only 3-4 modest thread wraps, then tug on the yarn gently until there are no fibers sticking out over the eye. Tie the wing with wraps towards the back, but stop shy of the legs.
4. Dub the head. **TIP:** The head should be smaller than the abdomen, and can be quite small. Also, there should be a distinct gap between the abdomen and head.
5. Whip finish. Then stroke the legs and wing rearward, cutting them all the same length a little longer than the hook.