



**Fly Pattern Sheet:**  
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## **Blue Eared Bugger:**

### **Materials:**

**Hook:** Size 8 Daiichi 1750 or other heavy 2-4xl streamer hook

**Tail:** Medium Blue Eared Pheasant feather

**Hackle :** Remnant of the Blue Eared Pheasant Feather

**Body:** 1/2 the body UV Gray Ice Dub, other 1/2 is lavender or pink ice dub

**Shellback, Legs:** Silver Holographic Flashabou

**Eyes:** Black Plastic Eyes

### **Tying Instructions:**

- 1. Tie in a medium sized blue eared pheasant feather for a tail, slanting down. Do not cut off the remnant of the feather.
- 2. Tie in some silver holographic flashabou over the tail and fold back the long remnant of material.
- 3. Dub a body of ice dub. The rear half of the body should be UV gray, the front half lavender or pink.
- 5. Bring the long silver holographic flashabou strands forward as a shellback. Tie it down behind the eyes, leave the remnant of flash hanging forward over the eyes.
- 6. Wind the remainder of the Blue Eared Pheasant feather through the body and tie it down behind the eyes.
- 7. Fold the final remnant of the silver holographic flashabou over the body and cut it so that it is about half the length of the hook. Bind it down behind the eyes.
- 8. Finish the fly.

**Comments:** A blue eared pheasant cape is an investment but they are actually a good value for the tremendous amount of feathers one has. It is one of my favorite materials and I use it frequently along side of Australian possum, grizzly marabou, ice dub, etc. It is great for swung flies, nymphs, and makes some of the best wet flies for trout.

This is a really simple fly incorporating blue eared pheasant and it is deadly. Holographic flash is one of the few materials that fish seem to see well in muddy water and I have been surprised on several occasions when fish hit the fly on the retrieve in water with very poor visibility. This has especially been true on sunny days.

