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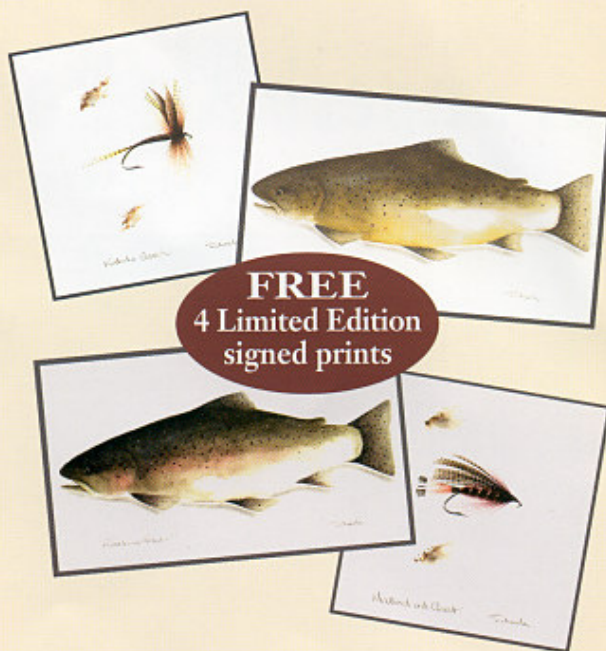
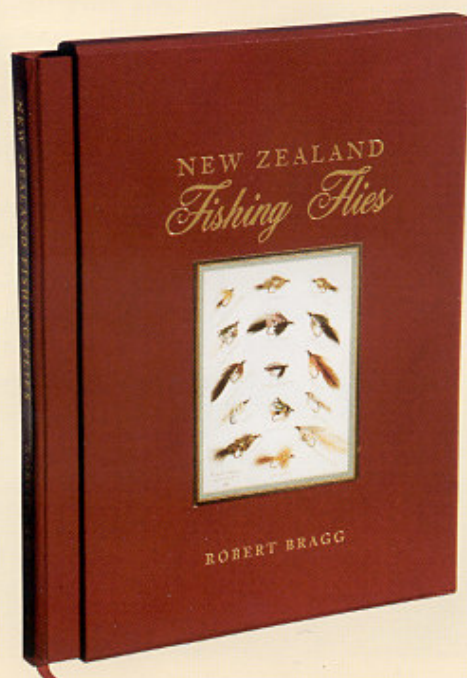
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I would like to express my congratulations to everyone involved with the production of my father's book. I am absolutely delighted with the finished product. My father would have been very excited and more than pleased with the end result. The book has all the features he asked for. What a great legacy and a joy for generations to come.

Elizabeth Bealing (*Robert Bragg's daughter*)



## New Zealand Lures

A FEW EARLY DRESSINGS with 'free' wings and large torpedo bodies imitating the large silvery 'cock-a-belly', and manges prominent in Lake Ellerslie, the Selwyn River and Rakaia River, Canterbury (Patterns 30-44) c. 1920.

During the early 40s the method of tying a lure in Canterbury was improved upon by the 'Munka' style of dressing which avoided to a large extent the wing of the lure catching round the head of the hook. With a more streamlined tie the lure had an improved 'entry' and the natural ability to 'swim' on retrieve.

Plate 21. New Zealand lures, 1911-1972  
Taupo and Rotorua - Patterns 1-29  
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Plate 21. New Zealand lures, 1911-1972

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For those who know how to tie a fly this book is a must. It is a remarkable publication, I can only say that this publication has been compiled with the same kind of tender loving care that one would put into tying any of the flies reproduced in this book.

Peter Nagle  
Wellington Flyfishing Club

## Biographical Note

Robert K. Bragg was to New Zealand angling tackle what Hillary was to mountaineering, and what Blake has recently become to yachting.

He began tying trout lures as school holiday employment before he started a brief stint in the Royal Navy as an eighteen-year-old in 1933. Later followed employment with hookmakers Hutchinsons, gunsmiths Cogswell & Harris and the well-known London tackle house, Ogden Smiths Ltd.



Memories of work at Ogden Smiths include serving fly fishing legend G.E.M. Skues, selecting rods for General Franco, delivering tackle to the Mountbattens and assessing a stretch of the Avon River for Lord Sainsbury.

He worked his passage to New Zealand in 1939 to establish a fly-tying department in the Christchurch store of Tisdalls.

In 1941 he again joined the senior service, this time the New Zealand Navy, and during this period achieved Canterbury fishing fame with a bag of 14 salmon from the Rakaia one Saturday afternoon. The largest were 19lbs & 18lbs and three weighed 13lb: 'I lost eight more but I don't talk about those.'

Back in Christchurch after the war, he worked for Tisdalls, Johnson & Cousins, Snowline Sports and McPhail & Fisher. He also tied lures at home on his own account; his famous 'Wairarapa' flies and rods named for the stream gliding by the bottom of his Fendalton garden.

He tied literally tens of thousands of lures, flies & nymphs in his lifetime; each one of which he could repeat faithfully, for he had a written record of the detail of every single lure he ever tied.

In 1975, on his 60th birthday, Bob Bragg retired and 'went fishing'. Twenty years on he was still tying flies in his home on the Wairarapa Stream. But his mind was always on the next fishing trip...

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