

# LARS OLSSON

## ABOUT LARS

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Riverkeeper on Idsjöströmmen, Sweden since 1989, a featured guest and fly tyer at international trade shows, Lars has also taught fly casting and fly fishing since 1968. As an author, he has written books about fly fishing including: *Flugfiske i Fjällen*, and *Ur Min Flugask*, has been included in various anthologies, plus has had numerous articles published for Swedish and international fishing magazines. Lars has appeared several times on Swedish National TV and was profiled on in the U.S. on PBS's Western States Fly-Fishing Journal. He lives in Bozeman, Montana and Gimdalen, Sweden with his wife, Jennifer.

## PUBLISHING HISTORY

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- Ur Min Flugask, (CEWE-Förlage) 1983
- Flugfiske i Fjällen, (Raben & Sjögren) 1989
- Sportfiskarnas Kokbok, (Sportfiskarna) 1985
- Sportfiske, (Åhlén & Åkerlund) 1986
- Grayling–Fourth Game Fish, (Crowood Press) 1989
- Dreamfishing, (Nordbok) 1987
- Patterns of the Masters, (Federation of Fly Fishers) 1990
- The World's Best Trout Flies, (Boxtree Limited) 1994
- Patterns of the Masters, (Federation of Fly Fishers) 1995
- The Complete Book of Grayling, (Robert Hale) 2000

## TELEVISION, RADIO & VIDEO

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- Swedish National Television, *Mitt i Naturen*, 1993, 1997
- Swedish National Television, *Luleå Vildmark*, 2003
- Swedish National Television TV 4, *Jakt & Fiske*, 2003
- Radio Jämtland, 1985
- Fly Fishing Video, *Atlantis Angelreisen*, 2001

## AWARDS

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Federation of Fly Fishers 1992 Conservation Award "...for extraordinary contributions to the protection and conservation of game fish resources."

## Lars-Åke Olsson Biography

Lars-Åke Olsson (called Lars by his American friends) has been teaching fly casting and fly fishing since 1968. A featured guest at international trade shows, Lars has also held numerous fly casting and fly fishing schools throughout Europe and the US.

In 1989, Lars Olsson created, Idsjöströmmen, Scandinavia's first catch-and-release river. For his efforts to restore and protect this section of the Gim River in northern Sweden he was given the 1992 FFF Conservation Award. He continues to watch over Idsjöströmmen as a riverkeeper each year between May and September.

As an author, Lars has written two books about fly fishing and numerous articles for Swedish and international fishing magazines. His writing has also appeared in the anthologies: *The World's Best Trout Flies*, *The Grayling*, and *Dream Fishing*. Currently he is at work on his third book.

As a fly tyer Lars has been invited to tie at trade shows in Sweden, Norway, Holland and the United States. After fishing and studying the grayling, trout, and aquatic insects of Idsjöströmmen Lars designed the Gim River Flies. This unique series of twelve fly patterns has been written about in seven books in Scandinavia, England, and USA.

Lars has fished in England for many years on the Itchen, Test, Kennet, and Avon. He was fortunate enough to have fished with and learned upstream nymph fishing techniques from the legendary Frank Sawyer.

Lars lives in Bozeman ,Montana, and Gimdalen, Sweden with is wife, Jennifer Olsson. He can be contacted

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