I've noticed over the few years of fishing I've done that there are, at least in my area, two different "types" of wild brown trout, and brook trout that appear in much lighter and darker color variations. Now I understand some of these differences are from sex of the fish, spawning colors, water/stream conditions, etc, but some of these difference I have noticed even within the same streams. I was wondering if anyone had any educational information on this. I have read a few places that the trout will develop coloration over the lifespan based on the color of their lie/stream bed. I wasn't sure how much truth there was to this. I will attach some pictures to illustrate my point. There is a dark then light brookie, and a green ish upper body brown and an all yellowish brown. The brookies were out of the same stream, and the browns were out of the same stream. I figure there is some normal genetic differences, but I find that the vast majority of the brooks are lighter, and wild browns are more yellowish all over. It could be as simple as dominant and recessive type traits, or is there something else at play? I haven't found any good scientific information, and if anyone knows of any or just wants to share their experiences I'd be glad to hear. I've had more than one person ask me where I catch the brookies that are very dark.

Thanks for reading,

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