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Oh just so I don't confuse anyone because I might have but I believe there is no such thing as a wild palamino or golden trout...THEY DO NOT EXIST! But if they did thats what one would look like in the picture I posted. It was a hatchery excapie when it was really small and spent at least a year in a class A wild trout stream. There were a couple of those little guys around in the one small stream my brother and I fish but from what I know they no longer exist. I'm sure the herions have fished them all out by now considering you could spot one in the water at about 30 to 40 yards away. The whole hole would be glowing yellow. So if a genetic freak like a golden trout or palamino can color up and have perfect fins, a rainbow can color up and regrow fins (a Fishing Creek rainbow after being in the stream for a while will have all perfect fins that are extremely pink with white tips and a brillant pink strip down the side and I guarantee there is not a prettier rainbow out there), and a brook trout can color up and get just about identical to a wild one then I still can't see why a brownie can't do the same. I've also experienced especially in Spring Creek wild browns that do not color up and actually are very pale in color with no spots. I know some excape from the hatchery but I've encountered these a long ways from the hatchery and well before the flooding in 2004 that allowed so many to excape. I've also encountered a few in Fishing Creek where it is not stocked that are pale with no red spots or marking on the fins. I'm sure they are wild trout especially in Fishing Creek because of the locations I've caught them.

I will have to look for the blue eye spot...it might be the only TRUE way to tell if one is a wild brown or not. Just going on color is not always true and I'm not sure about this blue eye spot but I'm going to be more observant and find out.