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21" brown from Spring Creek is my largest that I'm fairly sure was wild. I got a 22 incher at the papermill pool on the Tully, right at the confluence with Cacoosing. I've caught wild browns in that pool and the Cacoosing is known to have plenty. I felt that this fish was wild, but I admit it could have been a holdover that was there a while.

Of course, I've caught plenty of steelhead bigger than that, and there is a small percentage that are wild, and I'd never be able to tell the wild ones from the 99% that have hatchery origins.

As far as brookies, 12 1/2" is my biggest wild fish, though I've got quite a few stocked fish larger than that, including an 18 incher.

Wildbrookie - I've caught a few brookies in Spring Creek, all of them presumed to be hatchery escapees. For instance, "the woman's section" at Paradise always has a few of various sizes, and I'm sure a few filter on out into the stream, some of them start pretty small so they can essentially be "fingerling" stocked there.

I've also caught lots of wild brookies in the Spring Creek watershed, in the headwater tribs.