

---

Subject: : Fly Fishing Locations

Topic: : Little J rainbows

Re: Little J rainbows

Author: : RLeeP

Date: : 2012/8/28 19:01:53

URL:

>>Where wild rainbow populations exist in PA, it has been because of private stockings of rainbow trout that are closer to wild strain fish. >>

The only change I would make to this would be to add the words "or Federal" right after "private" in the sentence. If what the Commission (and ANF) biologists told me long ago is true, whatever strain of RT the Feds were stocking back when they were still doing catchable plants in the National Forest was probably the source of the scattered wild RT pops in the ANF. I think most of these pops are gone now, but back in the 70's and 80's, there were still a number of streams with some (never many) wild RT in the ANF.

I really, really like wild, small stream freestone bows. When hooked, they are hotter than firecrackers. So, I really enjoy fishing for them. But for the sake of the brook trout, I don't suppose I'd want to see them widely established in PA freestones. But I cannot say the notion isn't tempting...:)