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Got an unexpected outing today. Was in the area and had about 4 hours to kill. Noonish to 4ish. SE PA smallish freestoner, reasonably well known, those of you who know my typical haunts know the stream.

Started off near the bottom of the public land part. This area is usually 80% brookies. But I got 9 browns and 1 brookie in this section today. Not sure if the browns are dominating further up, or if it was just the hatch dynamics. In prior years, it wasn't far down where browns started to dominate, and that "boundary" moves a little each year. But there were stoneflies and craneflies all over the water and the fish were rising freely, it was like fishing a big stream in that you'd pick out risers and cast to em. So it coulda just been that the browns were on em and the brookies weren't. Best brown went close to 14", worst was 5 or 6", the rest were all 8 or 9". The brookie from this section was solid, probably 8".

I ran out of public water, jumped in the car and moved up a ways. Up here the water is far less fertile. No bugs were happening, and browns are normally the extreme minority here, and I got none. I caught another 10 or so brookies, a few that were around 7" but nothing bigger.

I again jumped in the car and moved up even further. It was just stupid with dinks, like every cast there'd be a 3 incher. I guess the next generation is alright. I did get one better one up there.

4 hrs, if you count dinks probably 50ish fish. If not, 20ish solid ones. First "good" day of the year! All on 2 parachute adams', I had to change it once due to unraveling, didn't lose a fly.

Lost my pictures. Accidently deleted them trying to copy them. Oops!!! There were no real monsters anyway, but some pretty ones.