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Re: First good numbers day of the year

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Colors are rather bland. Anal and caudal fins are opaque. White and black lines on fins poorly defined. All fins frayed up pretty bad. Size, at least at first glance, appears to be typical stocky size. Body shape rather football like, with small head, indicates a rather young fish that was well fed and grew quickly.

It's certainly stocked, it has pretty much every one of the "stocked" indicators in spades. Not saying it couldn't be a holdover, but based on a picture alone, I see nothing indicating that it is. Most holdovers are noticeably longer as a result of living another year, take on better color (especially pink in the belly) and slim down considerably, though the fin factors are often still there after a year in the stream. This one just looks like your every day stocked brook trout to me. Not that there's anything wrong with that.

As Mike recently pointed out with the residency studies that brookies travel the farthest. And I've commonly caught stocked brookies miles from the nearest place where brookies are stocked. Usually downstream. If they don't stock brookies there, he likely came from upstream, maybe a trib that is stocked?