

Subject: : Paflyfish General Forum

Topic: : A new trend

Re: A new trend

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Quote:

wildtrout2 wrote:

Lately, I've been seeing a trend towards folks almost apologizing for a trout being a stocker.

Personally, I haven't noticed this, but I haven't been looking out for it either.....perhaps I've missed the trend(?).

Perhaps it can be explained by the fact that we have a good number of beginner FFers here in our online community and they know (or gradually become aware) of the devotion to wild trout by many of our experienced anglers. After all, one of the first things a beginner FFer who starts reading this forum sees are the multi-page tirades about stocking and how we need to stop doing this over wild fish. As such, they may come to feel that their catching of stocked trout is something of a minor league achievement and they don't wish to draw the disdain of the more experienced guys who target wild fish (or strictly wild "natives") when sharing their happy experiences catching stockies.

Anyway - if this is the reason, they shouldn't apologize. As they grow as anglers their views will, I suspect, become more nuanced and experience will teach them that stocked trout are often more challenging to catch than wild fish (and sometimes even better looking!).