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I think I've taken a picture of every native I've caught over 10 inches...except one that auto released at my feet while I was getting the camera out. So I think this should be pretty accurate.

In roughly 5 years of fishing small, unstocked freestoners for natives here's my stats of fish over 10 inches...

10" - 3  
11" - 0  
12" - 0 (The one that auto released I initially estimated at 12 inches though.)  
13" - 1

That works out to roughly 1 per year over 10"...and I fish for Brookies a good bit...I think "rare" is a pretty accurate description. For comparison, I catch a good number of 8 and 9 inchers every year...I don't have an accurate count, but I would guess somewhere in the neighborhood of a dozen or more, per year. The cutoff does seem to be at about 10 inches for small freestoners IMO.

My bigger Brookies tend to come from streams that have decent populations, but aren't high Class A biomass bombs. Those seem to have a ton of 5-8 inch fish, but lack the really big ones in my experience.