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Re: Large (Dead) Brookies

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People's perception of how many big brookies are out there could be biased either way by where they fish most often. Like Pat said, certain streams grow bigger fish more often than others, and it applies to freestone streams too. If you are fishing regions with the better streams, 10-11" fish are not that rare, but if you look at the state as a whole they are extremely rare. Some areas of the state you might find one or two fish that size in 20 streams, if any, and isolated areas like where I live you could find a dozen that size in half a dozen streams. In one day last year I saw 4 wild brookies in the 10-12" range on a SEPA freestone stream. I think I've caught 5 natives 10"+ in the past two years, 4 of those were from freestone streams. The largest was the one from a limestone stream at 12.5" but I believe that one spent most of its life in a freestone tributary. If I thought the whole state was like the places I fish I would say they aren't that rare.