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Squaretail,

Could you explain what you mean by the zebra stripe? I've never noticed such a thing, and going back through pictures, I don't see it on ANY of the brookie pictures I have, even the 5 and 6 inchers. Tails look uniformly gray with various degrees of transparency. Sometimes they get a red tinge.

FWIW, I'm never 100% sure on any fish. Nomatter how sure you think you are, fish travel miles, and fish that have been in the stream for a period of years can look awfully wild to anyone.

And there are various degrees of confidence in this thread. But I find it possible that every single brookie in this thread is a truly wild specimen (well, cept maybe for tulen's last one). None of them are "obvious" stockers. The most questionable are at best, tweeners, the type where knowing the context could swing confidence one way or the other.

But in a thread like this, size is not a factor at all, IMO. On an everyday fish, anything in this size range is immediately suspect, because there aren't many wild ones like this out there. But the whole point here is to show the true 0.01 percenters, the true trophies. This is a bunch of brookie guys, who catch hundreds per year, showing off the largest they have ever seen. Without even opening the thread, one would guess that they would cluster around 11-12 inches, because in a freestone environment that's about all the bigger they get. Ryguy's is perhaps a common "good" fish, but not "rare." The rest are rare fish for sure, but in a thread about rare fish, rareness is not necessarily a reason to doubt authenticity.