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Re: Stocked trout adapting

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springer1 wrote:

This fish was caught quite some distance from any Runs or feeders that are known to have wild populations (I know where some do). And I'm wondering how even those populations got started as well - if stocked fish indeed absolutely cannot adapt.

Sure, they can adapt and start spawning.....although I think this is relatively rare these days. Although I'm not familiar with the watershed in question, you might be surprised how far wild trout will travel. It's not uncommon for browns to migrate many miles up and down warm water rivers during the colder months of the year and then up into smaller tribs come late spring. The presence of a lone (or a few) wild fish doesn't necessarily imply that stockies are spawning, although it could. I'm usually inclined to attribute it to migration. Whatever the case, consider it good news and keep an eye out. Maybe walk the stream in November and look for spawners.