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Since it's on the reproduction list, it may not be a matter of recent stocked browns adapting. There may have been wild browns there since long before any of us were born. Brown trout were introduced in the US in the 1800s and have been reproducing in the streams ever since.

I'm not sure why this idea persists that if there are wild browns in a stream that it must be the result of recent stockings.

For example, if someone sees a carp or an English sparrow, or a smallmouth bass in the Delaware River, they don't tend to assume that they are there as a result of recent stockies adapting. People realize that those creatures were introduced, and established populations, a long time ago.

The situation is the same with brown trout. If all stocking of brown trout ended, 20 years from now there would still be brown trout very widely distributed.