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Well, when you realize they are obviously eggs, but they don't look like fish eggs, it kinda narrows down the choices....

I started with frog or toad eggs based on the gelatin like appearance. But they usually don't lay them mid-stream under rocks. And when you can see the tadpoles inside, they are usually much darker colored, and never so long and skinny and worm like.

That took me to salamanders. Under mid-stream rocks means aquatic salamanders. Hellbenders lay and hatch in the fall, mudpuppies in the spring, so.....

Mudpuppies are extremely common, where they exist. But largely confined to Western PA. Ohio and Erie watersheds. Hence the location question. If in the Susquehanna or Delaware drainages, they can't be mudpuppies.