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Lou,

Although I'm not Mike (or a fisheries biologist)....rainbows with orange gill plates and stripes are common. The coloration of hatchery fish tends to be dependent upon diet but most of the stocked rainbows you see have colors in the orange range and these may deepen into the red range after being in the stream for a period of time. While wild rainbows are usually much brighter colored, there are some wild ones with orange coloration (sometimes on their belly) rather than red.

Trout coloration can vary a lot. Even an individual fish can have its colors change from red to orange or vice versa, over the course of a season.