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Last night I was fishing a small creek with that holds some wild browns. Most of what I was catching were in the 4-5" range. They were hitting one after another on dry flies...whatever I tied on. Eventually I wasn't even concerned with the fly I was casting. Fly choice was whatever was big and bright enough for me to see with the glare of the evening sun. I was running out of time (had to pick up kids) and I moved to the last stretch of creek before rolling out. It looked very very fishy. First cast I caught a very nice brown in the 14" range. After I let it go, I put on a new fly...I think it was a size 10 or 12 adams, which I cast to the same spot and I saw a mouth that looked as big as a softball come up and grab it. It shot partially out of the water when I set the hook, and I could tell it was a monstrous brown. He twitched under water and the fly broke off. It all happened so quick I was dumbfounded...I felt nothing (line pressure) or perhaps the adrenalin masked it. I've had this happen with other big fish, and I keep telling myself, let it take line, use my drag, dont try to haul it in too fast. I was using 5x tippet...Honestly didn't think I would run in to a fish this big. What amazes me is that I can get a snag in a tree and put a huge amount of pressure on the line before something gives....when I catch a fish like this, it doesn't seem to take much to break off.

BTW, this is my 3 or 4th year fly fishing...I start to feel like I know what I'm doing, and then something like this happens...back to the beginner forum for help!