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Re: Big native!

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There's no way to settle this without catching the dang fish. Give me GPS coordinates and describe his lie. I'll do my best to bring him to net. :) Troutbert can come for verification...

Seriously, all of the above are correct, though.

1. Stockies show up in some really weird places.
2. There's no way I could identify a wild from a holdover stockie while it's in the water.
3. Based on location, if wildtrout2's description is correct, then it doesn't HAVE to be wild, but there's an awfully good probability that it is. And I trust him to identify locations like that, where a stockie would be highly improbable (note, not impossible).
4. There are other "non-normal" explanations for big brookies other than limestone water. Such as, a lake or large water body downstream where he grew up.
5. Based on #3, perhaps the biggest question mark isn't stocked vs. wild, but rather how big it actually was. Clearly, it was a big brookie. But in a stream full of honest 7 and 8 inchers, a 12 or 13 incher looks like a freaking whale. I can say I've come across a couple in that size range, never bigger, and if I had merely seen them in the water without catching them, I could easily overestimate at 16 inches.