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Re: Brookie versus Brownie habitat ?

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Here's my take on that and this is bascially what I have gleaned from talking to brookie enthusiasts on this site. Browns will pretty much take over where they want if the conditions (food, shelter and temp) are right. Brookies are pretty much left to where browns don't want to live or can't get to. For example, there is a class A stream in the Poconos that is almost all browns until you get to a set of falls where everything above is brookies. Brookies used to dominate that stream but then browns got in and took over but browns just can't get above the falls, so that is brookie water.

Other places where brookies inhabit that browns don't like are streams where the water stays really cold most of the year and does not have a lot of aquatic food. This tends to be mostly mountain freestone streams. Limestone streams are very fertile and have a fairly constant temperature. You can find brookies but other species (browns or bows in the case of Big Spring) will keep the brookie population down.

Now I do not state that anything above is proven fact but from my last year of fishing for brookies and finding streams that have brookies, this is what I have found to be true.