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if you would catch every fish it wouldn't be that fun so maybe next time.

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9-8-13. What a fantastic day on falling springs. After fishing up at big spring (which il post later) I thought I'd finish the day at FSB and I'm glad I did. Alot of the banks were covered in high grass and alot of bees so I tryed to avoid getting stung. However the grass did help increase my odds as I stealthily moved along the banks. I opted for my Orvis Hydro 9ft for the reach. I tied on my new 4x streamer leader with my olive/black sculpin and started in town. I worked my way downstream and was able to get 3 browns which were all about the same of about 12-13 inches, while also missing about 4 of them. As I got down near the hospital I came up to a bridge where the water is swift and deep and even with polarized glasses is hard to see into. I tossed my sculpin threw a few times and had a quick strike but not a firm take. As I got to the end of the pool and was waking back up I saw it... A monster 20-21 inch Rainbow or Brown (Ithink rainbow) sitting on the bottom of the long pool. I didn't see it on my way down cause I was fishing the water, not the fish. A made a movement with my fly rod and it swam hurriedly into log walls. Next time il be prepared, and maybe get him. After that episode I was off to the heritage section at Greenway. My favorite fly for this area is the olive wholly bugger and today it didn't let me down...again... I worked downstream with my 9' rod and kept my distance. I hooked into 2 little rainbows in a nice weed channel that I knew held a few trout. Both around 6-7 inches. I then went up to the water wheel bridge and tossed my bugger gently under the bridge, I was quickly rewarded with a plump 12 inch rainbow that was beautiful. My next stop was Edwads Ave and I planned to throw nothing but a Letort Hopper size 14. I slowly waded upstream and astonishingly was able to hook into 2 more rainbows of about 8-10 inches. My last stop was quarry lane, and as I took a glance at the stream, a big beautifully colored brown went swimming by spooked by my presence. I went upstream looking for a good fish but only saw just a few little ones. A few yards past the barbed fence I'd when I saw it... The second falling springs monster within 2 hours. This one was deff a brown... A really really big brown. He was at the tail of the pool where he just stayed there.. Menacingly.. His size was so big that I called my wife to tell her to get the camera ready for she was just a stone throw away taking pictures. Of course he was in a extremely difficult position but I had a 3-4 ft window that had to be dead nuts on or tree limb. Luckily I didn't get no tree, nor did I get the brown... I threw cress bugs, scuds, white/olive buggers, PT nymphs, Hoppers, Beeltes, and midge nymphs, And a crawdad, but he just didn't move. Before I started casting my first pattern which was the hopper, I studied him for a good 10 minutes, but he wasn't feeding. If I had to make a honest guess, is say he was about 24 inches and probably 4-6lbs. A real trophy. But,,