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Hmm. Specifically identifying trout from suckers is pretty easy once you observe each species for a bit. Suckers tend to hug the bottom in slow moving runs/pools. They are almost always in pods/schools in numerous numbers. Dont let this discourage you from fishing these areas though! I have caught very nice trout out of those big schools of suckers on spring creek. This is especially the case when the suckers spawn and the trout stage behind them. I would say the main difference in the two fish is body shape. A sucker is thicker around the head and shoulders and tapers off towards the tail. A trout will taper from the middle to the nose and from the middle to the tail. I hope that makes some sense. The fins differ as well.

Right now the water is super clear on spring. I was there 2-3 weeks ago. Sit and watch the fish. I was able to count spots on the browns from 15-20' away when i was there. Under these conditions, it becomes quite clear which is which. Suckers do not have stripes or spots.