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I don't fish Ridley much, but on Spring Creek, fish likely looking water. There are trout there, whether you see them or not, and typically you don't. There are trout EVERYWHERE on Spring Creek. The only cases where you do see them are cases where you either spook them, or they are up in the water column actively feeding. In which case, there's no doubt that they are trout.

Telling them apart by shape is tough, but can be done if you see them well enough. Suckers are darker colored and tapered, meaning wider at the head and taper back like a triangle. More often, you tell them apart by behavior. Suckers will be on the bottom, in deep, slow areas. Often in large pods, and they aren't real active. Though they roll around some, which gives you a "flash". So when you nymph a deep pool and see that silver flashing down there, that's typically suckers.

Trout are spread out more. There might be 1 or 2 right in that pod of suckers. But there'll be more circling the edge of that pool, where the banks rise up. Also around structure. Very commonly at current breaks, sitting in slow water but very close to fast water. They usually hold at least a little up in the water column, but at certain angles it can still look like on bottom. They also move on their own more often. Kind of spastic. "I wanna be over there, hold, hold, ok, I'm gonna move over there, hold, hold, eh, that first place was better afterall."

Brook trout can be identified with those white tipped fins. Often, they are splayed out, and look like a freakin shark in the water.