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Re: Brown Trout Migration in Poconos

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PaulK wrote:

In the spring, I actually resort to fishing only the rise, to reduce my impact on the half mile I fish over the three-day holiday weekend. In short, there's a trout behind every big rock. Simple enough. But this weekend, those trout were NOT there.

..... in the spring simply swinging a Starling and Herl soft hackle through a run ALWAYS produces a brown.

Interesting!

For starts, I'm not a Poconos guy and have probably never set eyes on the stream in question so take this for what it's worth: My guess would be that the browns are in fact present *even though it appears they are not*. If you're targeting rising fish in springtime, you're targeting fish that are on the feed and that will readily eat a wet fly (as you know). However, this time of year when hatches are much diminished, wild browns are often not visible at all. Many well known streams are like this. If you hit them on a day when bugs are hatching, the fish seem everywhere. The next day, without a hatch, you'd swear there isn't fish in the stream. They almost seem to vanish!

Beyond this, yes the fish may have moved. The stream may have experienced low, warm water this summer and fish migrated to cold refuge or downstream. There may also have been recent movement to spawning areas. However, I wouldn't think that all the fish would have moved or not yet returned. My guess would be that you've just hit the creek on a "down" day and that browns are still present.