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Re: Brown Trout Migration in Poconos

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Possibilities:

1. They were there, but you were not catching them. Falling water temps can and do just shut brown trout off. Also, low water levels leads to spooky fish.

Catching the brookie isn't that surprising. The above affect brookies too. And browns will hit in cold water sometimes. But the feeding "cycles" that browns go through seem more concrete. More all or nothing than brookies. i.e. a turned off brookie means "maybe" I'll eat if something looks yummy enough, but I'm not actively searching. A turned off brown says "NEVER".

2. The fish aren't there. I know nothing of the stream. Maybe they leave to breed. Maybe summertime water temps drive them upstream, and they return in spring.

If I had to guess, your case is a combination of the above. There were very likely some browns around. Maybe not as many as you're used to, but some. And you had a harder time catching them than usual. Even with helgrammites. I grew up a bait fisherman and still have lots of family and friends who do it. It CAN be deadly. But there are days where you wouldn't think a fish exists in that stream, even in places like Spring and Penns Creek, where you KNOW there are plenty.