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thanks for the vigorous discussion

My main point was I was surprised that there were stocked browns in the LL. It seems like a better idea to stock only rainbows... and if I caught an escapee, then oh well, that's cool.

I think Kray hit a good point... I am just a novice, but I have had a tendency toward wild trout elitism.... but I think there are dumb stockies, and then there are good stockies....

My frist trout on the fly were wild browns in Valley creek, so I think that is a bit like scotch - once you get the good stuff, it's hard to go back.... but every now and then, Jameson is just fine....

Until recently, what I knew about stockies was based on those in Wissahickon Creek and Pennypack Creek... Cannot find them in "fishy" spots, only in "trucky" spots, and then, not where I feel a trout should be, but hanging out in the slack backwaters or hugging bottom, waiting for powerbait or minnows.

But these fish on the LL were at least acting like trout. The one noticeable stockie behavior was I got more attention to my nymph when i plopped it loudly on their heads 😊

I am sure all of Kray's beautiful Big fish had been acclimated to life in the wild and and acted like real trout.

So, I think my philosophy about wild vs tocked is becoming something like: If it BEHAVES like a real trout, stocked vs wild doesn't matter.

I think it is the put and take stocking into stream that do not have real trout habitat or food supply that is not so much my cup of tea... but then again, I am not such a purist that I won't break out the spinning rod and get a stocky out of the Pennypack for dinner. By stomach contents, they seem to have nothing to eat in there anyway. But i digress....