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Re: Browns eat brookies?

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Yes, Browns eat Brookies, but that's only part of the story...A big enough Brookie is surely capable of eating small YOY or second year Browns if given the opportunity too, it's just not as many Brookies reach that size in comparison to Browns. Browns grow bigger, and more importantly grow faster, and can generally outcompete Brookies in a lot of our small freestoners. This means they outcompete them for food, primo holding lies, and the safety of cover against predation. While I'm certain some Brookies end up food for the Browns, it's the Browns general dominance in size and speed in reaching that size that has a slower, but cumulatively greater effect on driving out Brookies.

Extremely cold, steep, infertile headwater streams are an exception, and so are streams that are acidic...Brookies have the biological advantage over Browns in those conditions.

To answer your question, I'm not sure there's any real advantage in using that Brookie streamer (despite how cool it looks!) over a standard Bugger. For Browns in small freestoners, IMO it's all about conditions. Go in low, clear, cold water and you'd swear the stream's dead. Browns are ghosts in those conditions, whereas you may still be able to pick up a Brookie or too, or at least spook them in those conditions. Go back when the water is up, off, and warmer and the Browns will have gone completely stupid and will eat nearly anything.