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Re: Browns eat brookies?

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foureyedgeek wrote:

How would the tactics differ? Keeping in mind that I primarily fish dries only on small streams...

Generally speaking in a Brook/Brown mix stream, let's say 50/50 mix for sake of argument, you generally catch more Brookies in the conditions that favor dries...lower, clearer water. In higher, off color water, you'll generally catch more Browns, but in those conditions dries don't usually work as well. You're more often fishing subsurface with nymphs or streamers. That being said if you were fishing nymphs or streamers in low, clearer conditions, I still think you'd catch way more Brookies than Browns.

I think it has to do with how they're wired to feed. Brookies feed more constantly and consistently. Meaning if you don't spook them first, you can generally catch them. They can be seen out in feeding lies even in low, clear conditions. Browns on the other hand tend to gorge themselves and then be "off" for a period of time. I've related it most closely to rain events. When there is a rain event that washes food into the stream and higher flows dislodge food within the stream itself, the Browns feed like crazy. Fish a 50/50 mix stream after a rain, and you'll catch mostly Browns...and they'll have fat bellies from gorging themselves. It's rare I catch a Brookie with an exceptionally fat belly, but it's very common on Browns after a rain event. After the water falls and clears, the Browns become ghosts...I don't know exactly where they go, but you don't see them or spook them, and rarely catch them. You'd think there was nothing but Brookies in the stream.

In short, it's not that the tactics really differ...it's more that the timing does when it comes to small stream fishing. Now if you're talking big limestoners with lots of food and hatches, that's a different ball game, and a different thread.