



Tweed Trout & Grayling Initiative Newsletter

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2020 Ettrick & Yarrow Brown Trout Catch Summary



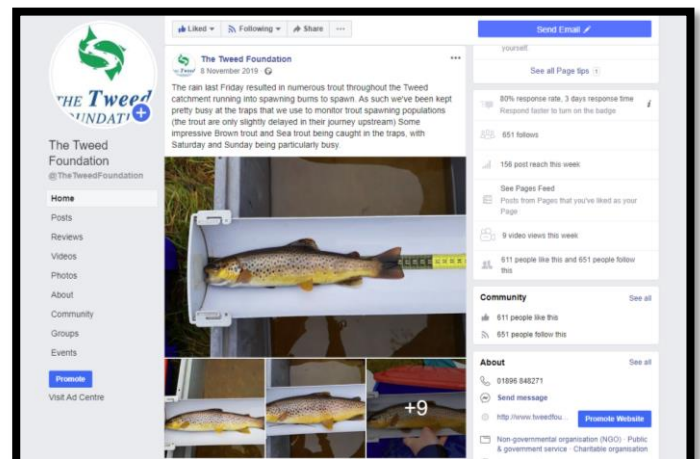
Oversize (10"+) Brown Trout catches from the Ettrick & Yarrow were above average during the 2020 trout fishing season. Picture courtesy of Scott Hamilton.

The catch rates for undersize (<10") and oversize (10"+) trout on the Ettrick & Yarrow contrasted starkly during the 2020 trout fishing season, with below average catches of undersize trout and above average catches of oversize trout. The above average oversize catches were mostly as a result of well above average catches of Brown trout between 12" and 16" (3/4lb to 1½lb). This was all the more impressive given that April and May, which are normally two of the best months for catching larger Brown Trout, were largely unfished as a result of the COVID-19 lockdown.

The current Brown Trout catch recording scheme has been running since 2006. Since then the catch rates from the Ettrick & Yarrow have been highly variable from one year to the next. However, the overall trend is one of slowly improving catches of both undersize and oversize trout.

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2021 Ettrick Juvenile Trout Electro-fishing Survey

In September The Tweed Foundation will be carrying out an electro-fishing survey of the juvenile trout and salmon of the River Ettrick. Anyone wishing to come along to see the health of the Ettrick juvenile stocks is more than welcome (assuming COVID-19 restrictions allow) and should contact The Tweed Foundation on 01896 848 271 or Kenny at kgalt@tweedfoundation.org.uk



Videos showing electro-fishing in action can be found on The Tweed Foundation's YouTube page.

Brown Trout Recaptures

During the last few seasons we have been asking anglers to take pictures of the left side of the Brown Trout they catch. This allows us to identify individual trout from the spot pattern on their gill cover and record movements and recaptures. Although only a small number of anglers have participated to date the results have been eye-opening with localised movements, multiple recaptures, and recaptures in consecutive years all being recorded.

Over the last few years we have had a small number of anglers send in pictures from the Ettrick & Yarrow (thank you to the anglers!) and we would like more, particularly from the River Ettrick. If you could help us by photographing the Brown Trout you catch contact Kenny Galt at:

kgalt@tweedfoundation.org.uk, or contact us via the Tweed Foundation's Facebook page.



This Brown Trout from the Yarrow was caught in both May and September 2019 by two different anglers