

*Locality Miami* (aka: Miami Locality)

Most Commonly Used Name: Locality Miami

Mode of Genetic Inheritance: Dominant (wild-type)

Morph Type: Locality wild-type

Eye Color: Black pupil & *body ground colored* iris

*Locality Miami* corns rarely have predictable appearance in the corn snake hobby. Many of the snake catchers in South Florida will tell you that pockets of these locality snakes are remarkably similar to each other, but in so much as Locality Miami corns often fetch higher prices, unscrupulous sellers are sometimes tempted to sell corns found in other parts of Florida as *Locality Miami Corns*. Since there is no DNA test that will authenticate the geographic origins of any corn snake, Benjamin Franklin's warning, "*buyer beware*" here applies. That said, here at SMR we have gone to a bit of hard work and research to verify that the ancestors of our Miami stock were indeed collected in South Dade County. In addition to that, we have been strict about selectively breeding the ones we think most visually typify Locality Miamis, in favor of their less obvious siblings. Hence, our Locality Miamis have the bonus of also being beautifully colored and patterned and readily eat unaltered, frozen/thawed pinky mice. Some of our Miami Phase corns (not necessarily Locality Specific) bear a resemblance to our Locality pure stock, in that we have selected toward the Locality look in reproducing our Miami Phase corns.

What to expect:

As with most corn snake neonates, expect young Miamis to be lackluster for at least one year, and considerably darker than their adult parents. Compared to other corn snake morphs, relative to color changing through maturation, this line predictably demonstrates vibrant red or orange markings on a gray or silver background - which will not be seen until they are sub adults (some have pronounced black blotch margins while others do not).

Reproducing wild-caught Miami locality corns can cause great frustration to snake breeders. Babies of the wild locality Miamis often do not want to eat anything other than lizards, but our Miami corns (hobby morph AND Locality lines) are voracious rodent feeders. We do not entice our babies to eat lizard-scented pinky mice and such prey offerings are never altered (other than being rinsed in hot running water prior to being offered). Another trait of most locality Miami corns is that of being slightly smaller than most wild corns, and ours are indeed slightly smaller than typical adult corns. Expect the adults to have either orange or brick-red markings on gray or silver backgrounds.

Important Note:

The advertising images on our web site are representations of the average adult example of each morph. These images are not renderings of the actual animals being offered, (except for uniquely offered snakes found in the SURPLUS section of this web site). We do not provide pictures of individual hatchling snakes for sale, nor do we recommend that you ever choose a new pet based on an image of its neonatal form. Corns change so dramatically from hatchling to adult, they will NEVER have the same colors or contrasts throughout maturity.

While most of the snakes we produce will mature to resemble the featured adult image(s) on our web site, unlike manufactured products that are respectively clones of each other, the nature of polygenic variation results in each animal being similar but not identical to others of its morph. The snake we select for you may not mature to be identical to the pictured examples, but will be chosen based on our experience of observing which neonates will mature to properly represent their respective morph. We take this responsibility very seriously, and therefore publish the guarantee that we will exchange your SMR snake if it does not mature to be like our advertised examples.