

Scaleless (no aka)

Most Commonly Used Name: Scaleless

Mode of Genetic Inheritance: Recessive

Morph Type: Single Mutant

Eye Color: Black pupil (some red-eyed ones are also available for higher prices)

The price for males AND females begin at \$550.00 each if no other genes are possessed. More will be offered for sale when the 2017s hatch next year.

These snakes are Scaleless Homozygotes. ACTUALLY, they are inter-species hybrids. ALL Scaleless corns in the hobby toDAY (including SCALED corns that are carriers of the Scale-less mutation-aka Het Scaleless) are descendants of the original pairing of a Corn Snake to an Emory's Ratsnake (aka: Great Plains Ratsnake) and are therefore technically inter-species hybrids. While these base prices apply to Scaleless corns that are not known to be het for any other mutations, we DO offer some Scaleless corns that are either already other colors or possess one gene copy of a color or pattern mutation (they are HETerozygous for something in addition to being HOMOzygous Scaleless).



Pictured here are both regular (common-colored) Scaleless and Scaleless Caramels. Caramels have a higher retail value and are listed elsewhere on our web site under SNAKES FOR SALE.

Hybrid History Of Scaleless Corns:

In 2012, we were fortunate to acquire several different color and pattern morphs of Scaleless Corns from *Stephane Rosselle* in France. He has many dozens of different color and pattern variants of this unique mutation. Just as seed-less grapes are not really devoid of seeds (they are simply small seeds), scale-less corns have SOME scales. The entire bellies of most are classically or partially scaled, and random fragments of scale patterns are seen in varying degrees elsewhere on their bodies, from one individual to another. I hear comments like, "eeeeeyewww, the face looks freaky" or "why are the eyes so disproportionately large?". The eyes are not disproportionately large per body size, but in the absence of scales around them, a super-protruding appearance results. Of course, no two biological forms are precisely identical, but add to that the color and pattern variability and the infrequent scale placements and Scaleless Corns take "no two alike" to a whole new level. Exactly where there are a few scales on their body renders a veritable unique *fingerprint* for each individual snake. Regardless of how many and where scales are sparsely located, the predominant lack of scales results in a more deeply-saturated color exhibition. Who knew that the armor (scales) of serpents actually rendered a dilution of their here-to-fore unseen color brilliance? Few corn snake mutations are capable of altering mutation and morph compounds as dramatically as the Scaleless mutation. Have fun mixing and matching myriad color and pattern potentials with this new and variable mutation.

The originator of the Scaleless mutants in France (*Richard Dijoux*) <https://www.colubiasnakes.fr> indicates on his web site that they originate from pairing an Emory's (Great Plains) Rat Snake with a Corn Snake. Hence, ALL Scaleless corns in the hobby toDAY are technically inter-species hybrid mutants (though *1st cousin* species).

Inter-species Hybrids: The first Scaleless snake closely related to a corn-AND the patriarch of all Scaleless "corns" toDAY-was the result of pairing a WHEAT (what some Europeans call the Emory's/Great Plains Rat Snake) to a CORN Snake. The owner of those snakes reported that only one Scaleless snake hatched from that

marriage; THE patriarch of all Scaleless corns toDAY. Therefore, beginning with the F1 generation—and all subsequent generations since—at the time of this writing, all Scaleless corns toDAY have Emory's Rat Snake genes in them (one DAY the scale-less mutation will be demonstrated in pure corns, as with ALL reptile species on this planet). Of course, either via [polygenetics](#) , gene [mutations](#) or both, just like all dogs toDAY are selective variants of wolves (therefore, all dogs technically ARE wolves), after a few generations of breeding these Scaleless “[hybrids](#)” solely to corn snakes, less and progressively less of their ancestral [phenotype](#) will be visually evident. A parallel is that the [Dachshund](#) genetically IS a modern wolf variant, but when you look at such a modern dog, do you see ANY resemblance to a wolf? Polygenetics and mutations have distinguished Dachshunds from other dog breeds and their wolf ancestors. Other inter-species hybrids in our hobby toDAY include (but are surely not be limited to) Creamsicles and Ultra/Ultramelts.

If you seek a visual (aka: homozygote) Scaleless, this is not the morph you want. This listed product (Het for Scaleless corns) will look like a typical wild corn snake, but are carrying one copy of the gene mutation that will render Scaleless mutants if bred to another corn snake with one or both DNA copies of the Gene Mutation. The snake you will be ordering will look similar to a wild-caught common corn snake. Corns het for Scaleless and other color and pattern mutations will be offered elsewhere on our web site. They will be priced according to the market value of the mutations they carry.