

Each DAY at 11:00 am. ct (GMT - 5) we will post a different SMR snake being offered at a special price.

All snakes will be chosen for their rarity and/or unique beauty.

FREE U.S. SHIPPING for each Snake-of-the-Day.

Not a corn snake, but just as friendly.



Details

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ToDAY's SNAKE of the DAY (Tue. April 16, 2013)

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Sonoran Mtn. King (*Lampropeltis pyromelana pyromelana*)

Male

d.o.h. 2010

27" long on April 15, 2013

\$145.00 shipped

At South Mountain Reptiles, we used to breed many species other than corns. My personal favorites were the tri-colored kings. It had been years since I had any pyros here so when a friend offered me a brood of hatchlings three years ago, I just couldn't resist. I had forgotten the reason I got out of the pyros years ago. Most of them have the annoying natural instinct to fast when sensing what they perceive to be even the slightest warning of Winter. In the Fall months when our homes suddenly change overnight temperature from unexpected - but intermittent - cold spells, most pyros take this to be a warning to hunker down for the winter. Some pyros don't do this, but this one does. I sold all but the last gender pair of that brood and now that I am again concentrating efforts to make new corn morphs, I'm going to sell the last two of these beauties. Know that they love long and cold winters, but they also have the innate ability to manage calories accordingly. The first year I had this lot I brumated them for 17 months. It was more of an experiment than a necessity, but they more than tolerated the long dormancy and none perished as a result.

Since then, they have been on a normal brumation regimen. They never turn down food for me (unless they sensed the onset of Winter) and right now this one is eating frozen/thawed or live large pinky or small fuzzy mice. If you like bright colors and have an empty cage, you won't regret watching this stunning mountain king snake grow to around 36" long. If a species in our hobby is as friendly as the corn, this is surely it. I've literally never been bitten by the 150 or so pyros I've had in my life and not unlike our corns, they seem to love being handled.