

Show & Tell



In June of 2008, I was photographing these Motleys that were hatching. I was going for a shot of two out-facing “book end” poses, but just when I had preset the focal plane of the two Motleys coming out of their eggs, I pressed the shutter button at the very second that a Motley shot toward me between the two hatching corns. I realize it looks as though I super-imposed the head onto this pic, but you can see the neck below the head, and a large part of his body trailing behind (out of focus). One of those “wow” shots that was unexpected? Did not even know the neonate was cruising the cage until its curiosity compelled it to race into the focal plane of the two hatching Motleys. I didn’t even have time for a second shot of all three, because the “racer” was already well out of the focal field before I realized what had happened. Sometimes it’s “better to be lucky than good”, eh?