

The *Snake-of-the-Day* headliner of this web site features photographs that we believe will interest our web site visitors. Each daily photograph will be posted at 11:00 am. central (GMT - 5) and replaced in 24 hours. Feel free to make *suggestions* regarding what snake photographs you would like to see in this daily feature. The animals pictured here are not for sale, unless otherwise noted, but you can find available surplus snakes for sale on the *Surplus Page* of this web site. We appreciate your patronage and welcome any *suggestions* you may have.



Virtually the opposite of the Palmetto Corn Mutant shown as yesterDAY's SOTD feature, this female not only demonstrates fewer fragments of color, but some are clustered together, vs. the scattered, isolate, and random distribution of colors in most Palmettos. Many have asked if I've been able to identify any resemblance to the order of classic corn snake pattern in Palmettos. Presumably, their question is directed toward the puzzle, "will any form of the Stripe or Motley pattern be visible when in concert with Palmetto?" Since we're virtually certain the Palmetto is a variant of the Leucistic Mutation, and since Leucism generally trumps all traces of other color or pattern in snakes (aka: Leucism masks whatever other colors and pattern are in the same genotype), I presume we cannot trace any overlay of colors corresponding to the colors of pattern of other mutations or nominate forms. This cluster-patterned Palmetto exhibits the variability we see in many mutations (presumably polygenic in nature); no two alike. Like a SOTD from a few DAYS ago, these eggs are not bright white but are indeed fertile. I don't know of any paper that analyzes the reason why some eggs are not white, but it is perhaps the result of the shortage of or abundance of some mineral?