

## Show & Tell



This is possibly the most atypical corn snake found in the vast U.S. range of its species? This BOOT Key Corn is surely why early scientists actually gave the nominate form of these insular corns (found on several of the Florida Keys south of the Florida mainland) a corn snake subspecies classification (formerly *Elaphe guttata rosacea*). Since then, because of “rafting” from Hurricanes and incidental migration of Key corns to the mainland and vice-versa, mainland corns finding their way to the keys as stow-aways in vehicles AND DNA testing revealing that they’re not distinct from their mainland counterparts, these are now classified as simply Corn Snakes. Whatever you think about what they are called, their natural coloration is so vastly different from corns found in most of their U.S. range that nobody can deny their beauty.