

## Show & Tell



Three SMR 2018 hatchling VISUAL TESSERA corn snake mutants. How many of these are Motley TESSERAS? No, I can't say for sure, but if YOU can, please, share YOUR proof of distinction. If these were not TESSERAS, by the width of the top-dorsal linear ground zone they would be reliably labeled MOTLEY, but does the width of the top-dorsal stripe width qualify as a reliable marker toward distinguishing between a TESSERA, a Striped TESSERA, and a Motley TESSERA? We all theorize that this IS the case, but please, don't respond to my challenge that you THINK they are Motley TESSERAS, without submitting valid TESSERA production evidence. Why does one of them have no lateral tessellation? The objective of this article/post is to garner empirical evidence to support/debunk the theory that the width of the top-dorsal stripe actually distinguishes these as non-Striped TESSERAS (therefore, MOTLEY TESSERAS)? It has already been proven that virtually all (if not ALL) TESSERAS with wide top-dorsal striping-AND no lateral tessellation-ARE Striped TESSERAS. Does this visual "marker" not beg the question, "how does the dorsal stripe zone in a non Motley TESSERA differ from

that of a Motley Tessera"? Does belly pattern (or lack thereof) come into play, as it does with Motley VS non-Motley?? **BONUS PICS . . .**