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## Show & Tell



Upon reading/hearing “Lavender Corn Snake” most of us have the preconception of a corn that is some shade of purple? Many neonatal Lavenders have this coloration, and a few of them mature to maintain some shade of lavender, but most of them are shades of gray. This adult male—that hatched in 2001—is mostly gray and demonstrates the most common form of striping in Striped Lavender mutants, Vanishing Stripe. In the realm of describing the stripe on these mutants, some hatch with a little more visible striping and slowly lose the posterior-most striping segments, leaving only visible stripes in the first 1/3 of their bodies, but most Vanishing Striped Lavenders (like this one) hatch with only the anterior-most dorso-lateral striping on the first 1/8 of his body. Bred to any variation of the Striped corn snake mutation, 100% striped

progeny will result, in some form or fashion of the Striped mutation. This means that if you see a visually stripeless/pattern-less corn, it's just a variant of the Stripe mutation.