

Striped Hypo (no aka)

Most Commonly Used Name: Striped Hypo

Mode of Genetic Inheritance: Recessive

Morph Type: Mutation Compound (Stripe and Hypo)

Eye Color: Black pupil & *body ground colored* iris (some can be so hypomelanistic, their pupils can be gray to dark red).

The Stripe mutation has its usual enhanced impact in this double recessive mutation compound, but since the primary role of the Hypo mutation is in the realm of melanin reduction (not unlike that of the Stripe mutation), the effect is amplified in this aggregate. Striped Hypos are usually paler than either of their cousins, Hypo or Stripe.

What to expect:

Hatchlings often look like their non Hypo cousin, Striped Corns. Throughout maturity, the color and contrast in both pattern and ground zones diminishes to the point of most adult Striped Hypos being extremely faded in appearance. They are essentially lightened versions of the wild type color, since they are modified by both the Stripe and Hypo mutations. Striping can change in this morph, but always in reduction. They never gain striping or any other pattern, but some pattern can fade to the point of almost being impossible to see in their adult form.

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