

Lairo Mutations

Lore

Lairi are not a homogenous species; they have wide variations in their physical build, appearances, and colorations. Because of their shape-shifting abilities and need to survive in many environments, lairi rely greatly on genetic diversity, and some traits may occur randomly as an egg incubates. Such random traits may include waterproof feathers, heat-resistant scales, regrowing teeth, and so on; whatever it takes to thrive on an alien world is a welcome change.

However, when an egg is incubating, a lot can go wrong. Lairi have no known home planet of their own, and on many other planets they're not welcome visitors. Many environmental factors can lead to random traits, but mutations are usually the result of a neglected egg. In the face of danger, lairo parents are self-preserving; new clutches can always be produced, and saving an egg is not worth a potentially lost life. The contents of an egg left abandoned on an unfamiliar world may try to overcompensate for its lack of protection, and if left cold and alone for too long, the egg will rot. Taking in an abandoned lairo egg to incubate it may keep its contents alive, but not normal; this is where mutant lairi arise. It's worth noting that mutants may occur even in a well cared-for clutch, but it's highly unlikely.

MYO info

Standard lairi are an open species, and anyone can make one with standard features. However, some features are the result of genetic mutations to the lairo; these lairi are rare, and can only be obtained from approved artists. Mutant lairi can be bought as adoptables or customs; MYO's may occasionally be open, as well as opportunities to turn standard lairi into mutants.

Standard lairi cannot have any of the following:

- More than one pair of frills
- Shine, sparkle, luminesce, etc
- Lack any of their standard parts, except by injury
- Have additional or non-standard limbs
- Be wildly larger/smaller than the size listed in the creation guide.

It's worth noting that mutations, in the context of lairi, are different from "random traits." Small, invisible, or internal traits which relate to the environment in which a lairo was incubated. While uncommon, lairi with these traits are not considered "mutant."

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Mutation List

This is the full list of mutations that are currently known. More are being drafted and are in progress; if you have suggestions for more mutations, please contact me and let me know.

* Kiwi *

The specimen was born without wings.

* Puer *

The specimen never developed horns or secondary frills; this can refer to specimens without frills, specimens without horns, or specimens lacking both.

* Unicorn *

Instead of two horns behind the eyes, the specimen has one horn in the center of the forehead.

* Specter *

The specimen has a nearly or entirely skeletal face, and the protofeathers of the neck and tail are so thin and light that they float.

* Micah *

The specimen's body, or just a certain color on the body, are shimmery.

* Argent *

The specimen's body, or just a certain color on the body, is metallic or iridescent.

* Lumen *

Certain parts of the specimen's body produce visible light.

* Exotic *

The specimen has more than one pair of frills, but not more than three.

* Seraph *

The specimen has all six frill placements.