

COMMON SNAKES OF THE CRADLE OF HUMANKIND



VERY DANGEROUS

Has caused human fatalities

DANGEROUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

MILDLY VENOMOUS

Not thought to be harmful

HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans



VERY DANGEROUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans arietans*)



DANGEROUS

Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



VERY DANGEROUS

Rinkhals
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



VERY DANGEROUS

Snouted Cobra
(*Naja annulifera*)



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Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)



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Common Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus viridis*)



VERY DANGEROUS

Common Boomslang - female
(*Dispholidus typus viridis*)



DANGEROUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Short-snouted Grass Snake
(*Psammophis brevirostris*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald or Red-lipped Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Black-headed Centipede-eater
(*Aparallactus capensis*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



CAN INFLICT A NASTY BITE

Mole Snake
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



HARMLESS

Rhombic Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



HARMLESS

Aurora House Snake
(*Lamprophis aurora*)



HARMLESS

Cape Wolf Snake
(*Lycophidion capense capense*) Photo Tyrone Ping



HARMLESS

Common Brown Water Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*) Photo Tyrone Ping



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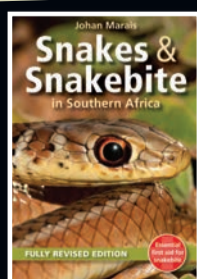
Spotted Bush Snake
(*Philothamnus semivariegatus*)



HARMLESS

Bibron's Blind Snake
(*Afrotrophlops bibronii*) Photo Tyrone Ping

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