

# COMMON SNAKES OF DURBAN

Problem snake removal – call Jason Arnold 082 745 6375; Byron Zimmerman 082 894 6783; Tyrone Ping 084 492 2542



**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**

**Black Mamba**  
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

**Green Mamba**  
(*Dendroaspis angusticeps*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

**Mozambique Spitting Cobra**  
(*Naja mossambica*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

**Common Boomslang - male**  
(*Dispholidus typus viridis*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

**Common Boomslang - female**  
(*Dispholidus typus viridis*) Photo André Coetzer



**VERY DANGEROUS**

**Southern Twig Snake**  
(*Thelotornis capensis capensis*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

**Puff Adder**  
(*Bitis arietans arietans*)



**DANGEROUS**

**Night Adder**  
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



**DANGEROUS**

**Bibron's Stiletto Snake**  
(*Atractaspis bibronii*) Photo Warren Dick



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

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



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Short-snouted Grass Snake**  
(*Psammophis brevirostris*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

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



**CAN INFLICT A NASTY BITE**

**Southern African Python**  
(*Python natalensis*)



**HARMLESS**

**Brown House Snake**  
(*Boaedon capensis*)



**HARMLESS**

**Spotted Bush Snake**  
(*Philothamnus semivariegatus*)



**HARMLESS**

**Eastern Natal Green Snake**  
(*Philothamnus natalensis natalensis*)



**HARMLESS**

**Green Water Snake**  
(*Philothamnus hoplogaster*)



**HARMLESS**

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



**HARMLESS**

**Southern Brown Egg-eater**  
(*Dasypeltis inornata*)



**HARMLESS**

**Peter's Worm Snake**  
(*Leptotyphlops cf. scutifrons*)

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