COMMON SNAKES

OF THE DRAKENSBERG

VERY DANGEROUS

Has caused human fatalities

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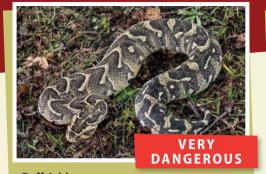
Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

MILDLY VENOMOUS

Not thought to be harmful **HARMLESS**

Not dangerous to humans





Puff Adder (Bitis arietans arietans)



Berg Adder (Bitis atropos)



Night Adder (Causus rhombeatus)



Rinkhals - banded phase (Hemachatus haemachatus)



Spotted Skaapsteker (Psammophylax rhombeatus)



Many-spotted Reed Snake (Amplorhinus multimaculatus)



Cross-marked Grass Snake (Psammophis crucifer)



Short-snouted Grass Snake (Psammophis brevirostris)



Spotted Harlequin Snake (*Homoroselaps lacteus*)



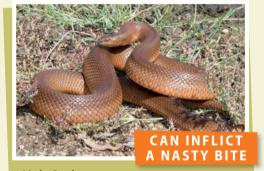
Herald or Red-lipped Snake (Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia)



Western Natal Green Snake (Philothamnus natalensis occidentalis)



Green Water Snake (*Philothamnus hoplogaster*)



Mole Snake (Pseudaspis cana)



Common Brown Water Snake (Lycodonomorphus rufulus) Photo Tyrone Ping



Dusky-bellied Water Snake (Lycodonomorphus laevissimus)



Brown House Snake (Boaedon capensis)



(Lamprophis aurora)



Rhombic Egg-eater (Dasypeltis scabra)

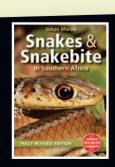


Olive Snake (Lycodonomorphus inornatus)



Common Slug-eater (Duberria lutrix lutrix)









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