

# COMMON SNAKES OF POLOKWANE



**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**

Mozambique Spitting Cobra  
(*Naja mossambica*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

Snouted Cobra  
(*Naja annulifera*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

Snouted Cobra - banded phase  
(*Naja annulifera*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

Common Boomslang - male  
(*Dispholidus typus viridis*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

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



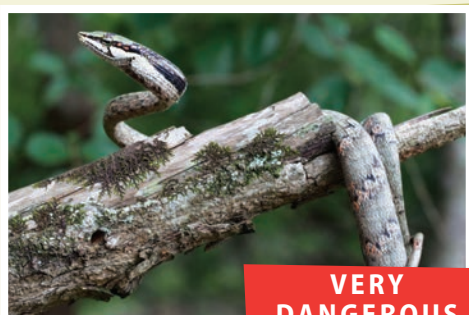
**VERY DANGEROUS**

Puff Adder  
(*Bitis arietans arietans*)



**DANGEROUS**

Rhombic Night Adder  
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

Southern Twig Snake  
(*Thelotornis capensis capensis*)



**DANGEROUS**

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



**CAN INFLICT A NASTY BITE**

Southern African Python  
(*Python natalensis*)



**HARMLESS**

Brown House Snake  
(*Boaedon capensis*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

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



**HARMLESS**

Spotted Bush Snake  
(*Philothamnus semivariegatus*)



**HARMLESS**

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



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

Short-snouted Grass Snake  
(*Psammophis brevirostris*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

Striped Skaapsteker  
(*Psammophylax triaenatus*)



**HARMLESS**

Common Slug-eater  
(*Duberria lutrix lutrix*)



**HARMLESS**

Cape Wolf Snake  
(*Lycophilidion capense capense*)

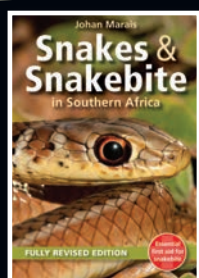


**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

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

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