

# COMMON SNAKES OF THE SOUTHERN CAPE

Garden Route & Klein Karoo



**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**

Cape Cobra  
(*Naja nivea*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

Cape Cobra - juvenile  
(*Naja nivea*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

Cape Boomslang - male  
(*Dispholidus typus typus*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

Cape Boomslang - female  
(*Dispholidus typus typus*)



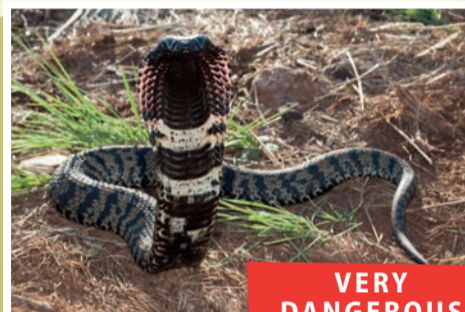
**VERY DANGEROUS**

Puff Adder  
(*Bitis arietans arietans*)



**DANGEROUS**

Berg Adder  
(*Bitis atropos*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

Rinkhals - banded phase  
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



**DANGEROUS**

Coral Shield Cobra  
(*Aspidelaps lubricus lubricus*) Photo David Maguire



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

Karoo Sand Snake  
(*Psammophis notostictus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

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



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

Spotted Harlequin Snake  
(*Homoroselaps lacteus*)



**DANGEROUS**

Rhombic Night Adder  
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



**CAN INFLICT A NASTY BITE**

Mole Snake  
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



**HARMLESS**

Rhombic Egg-eater  
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



**HARMLESS**

Western Natal Green Snake Photo Tyrone Ping  
(*Philothamnus natalensis occidentalis*)



**HARMLESS**

Olive Snake  
(*Lycodonomorphus inornatus*)



**HARMLESS**

Brown House Snake  
(*Boaedon capensis*)



**HARMLESS**

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



**HARMLESS**

Delalande's Beaked Blind Snake  
(*Rhinotyphlops lalandei*)



**HARMLESS**

Common Slug-eater  
(*Duberria lutrix lutrix*) Photo Tyrone Ping

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