

DANGEROUS SNAKES OF THE SOUTPANSBERG



There are around 60 different types of snakes in the Soutpansberg. Six of them are capable of inflicting very painful bites and six are considered potentially deadly.

VERY DANGEROUS
Has caused human fatalities

DANGEROUS
Painful bite, but does not require antivenom



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Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



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Snouted Cobra
(*Naja annulifera*)



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Snouted Cobra - banded phase
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Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)



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Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans arietans*)



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Rhombic Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



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Snouted Night Adder
(*Causus defilippii*)



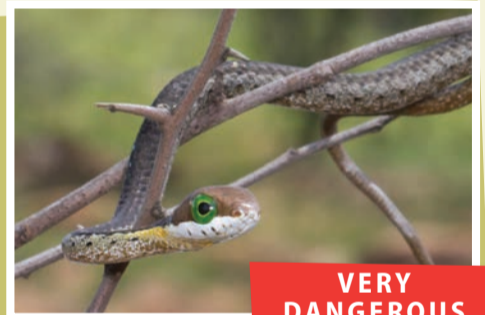
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Common Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus viridis*)



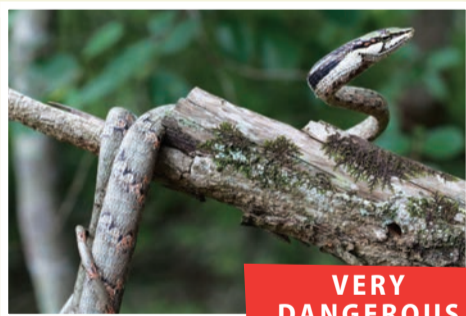
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Common Boomslang - female
(*Dispholidus typus viridis*) Photo André Coetzer



VERY DANGEROUS

Common Boomslang - juvenile
(*Dispholidus typus viridis*)



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Southern Twig Snake
(*Thelotornis capensis capensis*)



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Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



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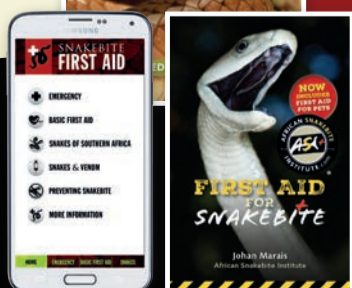
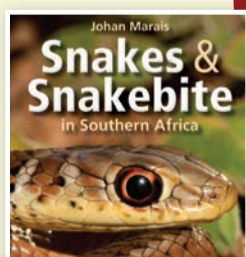
Speckled Shield-nosed Cobra
(*Aspidelaps scutatus*)



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Horned Adder
(*Bitis caudalis*)

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EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

IN THE EVENT OF A SNAKE BITE

- 1 Keep the victim calm, immobilized and transport the victim to the closest hospital **without delay**.
- 2 If the victim stops breathing, resort to artificial respiration or make use of a Bag Valve Mask.
- 3 Call the Poison Information Centre help-line for further advice: 0861 555 777.

DO NOT

- ... apply a tourniquet.
- ... cut and suck the wound.
- ... use ice or very hot water.
- ... give the victim alcohol.
- ... apply electric shock.
- ... inject antivenom randomly.

Antivenom (if required) must be administered by a doctor in a hospital environment.

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