

COMMON SNAKES OF HAZYVIEW



There are 37 snake species recorded for the greater Hazyview region. The majority of these snakes are harmless or mildly venomous. This poster contains the medically important and common snakes of the area.

VERY DANGEROUS

Has caused human fatalities

DANGEROUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

MILDLY VENOMOUS

Not thought to be harmful to humans

HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans



VERY DANGEROUS

Black Mamba
Dendroaspis polylepis



VERY DANGEROUS

Snouted Cobra
Naja annulifera



VERY DANGEROUS

Mozambique Spitting Cobra
Naja mossambica



VERY DANGEROUS

Boomslang
Dispholidus typus



DANGEROUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
Atractaspis bibronii



DANGEROUS

Snouted Night Adder
Causus defilippii



VERY DANGEROUS

Puff Adder
Bitis arietans



VERY DANGEROUS

Southern Twig/Vine Snake
Thelotornis capensis



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Eastern Tiger Snake
Telescopus semiannulatus



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Common Purple-glossed Snake
Amblydipsas polylepis



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake
Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Olive Grass Snake
Psammophis mossambicus



CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

Southern African Python
Python natalensis



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
Boaedon capensis



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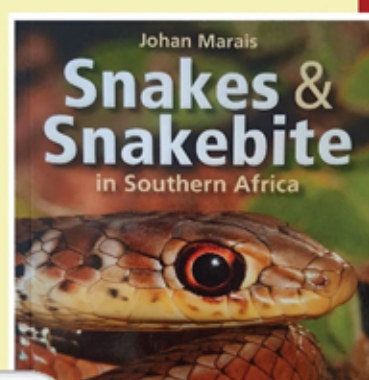
Rhombic Egg-eater
Dasypeltis scabra



HARMLESS

Schlegel's Blind Snake
Afrotyphlops schlegelii

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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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