

COMMON SNAKES OF THE CAPE PENINSULA AND TABLE MOUNTAIN



The Cape Peninsula and Table Mountain region has twenty five species of snakes. Only four species are considered very dangerous and another two are considered dangerous. The common Mole Snake, although not venomous, can inflict a nasty bite that may need stitches. Six species are mildly venomous and eleven are harmless to humans.

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

Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



VERY DANGEROUS

Boomslang - female
(*Dispholidus typus*)



VERY DANGEROUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Many-spotted Reed Snake
(*Amplorhinus multimaculatus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Harlequin Snake
(*Homoroselaps lacteus*)



DANGEROUS

Berg Adder
(*Bitis atropos*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Karoo Sand Snake
(*Psammophis notostictus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Cross-marked Grass Snake
(*Psammophis crucifer*)



CAN INFLICT A NASTY BITE

Mole Snake
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



HARMLESS

Olive Snake
(*Lycodonormorphus inornatus*)



HARMLESS

Aurora House Snake
(*Lamprophis aurora*)



HARMLESS

Yellow-bellied House Snake
(*Lamprophis fuscus*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

Common Brown Water Snake
(*Lycodonormorphus rufulus*)



HARMLESS

Common Slug-eater
(*Dubertia lutrix*)



HARMLESS

Rhombic Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



HARMLESS

Delaland's Beaked Blind Snake
(*Rhinotyphlops lalandei*) - photo Luke Kemp

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