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.

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



Cape Cobra (Naja nivea)



Boomslang - male (Dispholidus typus)



Boomslang - female (Dispholidus typus)



Puff Adder (Bitis arietans)



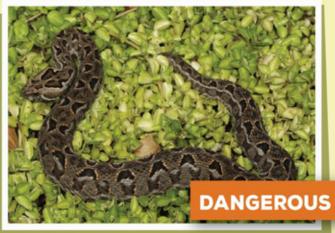
Many-spotted Reed Snake (Amplorhinus multimaculatus)



(Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia)



Spotted Harlequin Snake (Homoroselaps lacteus)



Berg Adder (Bitis atropos)



Spotted Skaapsteker (Psammophylax rhombeatus)



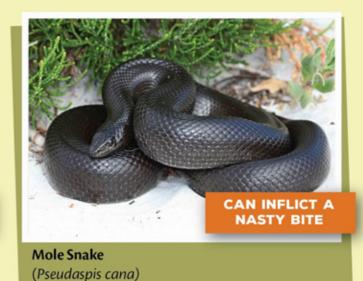
Karoo Sand Snake (Psammophis notostictus)

Aurora House Snake

(Lamprophis aurora)



Cross-marked Grass Snake (Psammophis crucifer)



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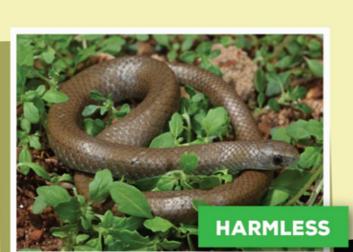
Yellow-bellied House Snake (Lamprophis fuscus)



Brown House Snake (Boaedon capensis)



Olive Snake (Lycodonomorphus inornatus)



HARMLESS



Rhombic Egg-eater (Dasypeltis scabra)



(Rhinotyphlops lalandei) - photo Luke Kemp



Common Brown Water Snake (Lycodonomorphus rufulus)



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