

COMMON SNAKES OF SPRINGBOK



There are around 20 snake species in Springbok. Half the species are harmless and one other can inflict a painful bite. Three species are mildly venomous, and another three are dangerous. There are three species which are highly venomous.

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

Cape Cobra
Naja nivea



VERY DANGEROUS

Black Spitting Cobra
Naja nigricincta woodi



VERY DANGEROUS

Puff Adder
Bitis arietans



DANGEROUS

Cape Coral Snake
Aspidelaps l. lubricus



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Beetz's Tiger Snake
Telescopus beetzii



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Dwarf Beaked Snake
Dipsina multimaculata



DANGEROUS

Horned Adder
Bitis caudalis



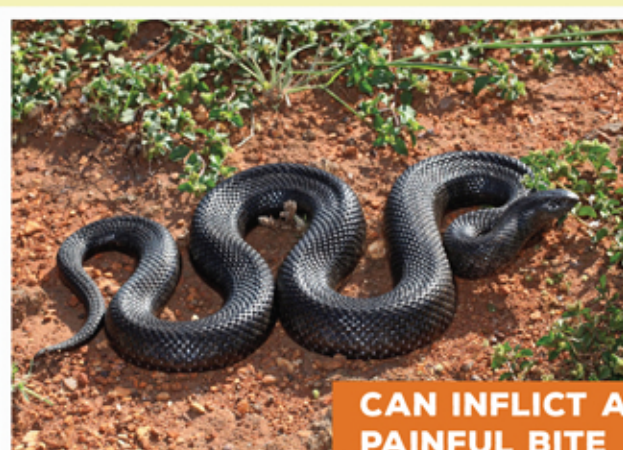
DANGEROUS

Many-horned Adder
Bitis cornuta



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Karoo Sand Snake
Psammophis notostictus



CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

Mole Snake
Pseudaspis cana



HARMLESS

Spotted Rock Snake
Lamprophis guttatus



HARMLESS

South-western Shovel-snout
Prosymna frontalis



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
Boaedon capensis - photo Luke Kemp



HARMLESS

Bug-eyed House Snake
Boaedon mentalis



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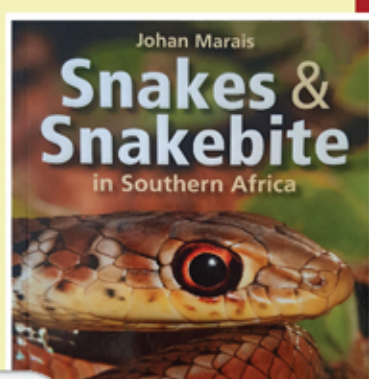
Rhombic Egg-eater
Dasypeltis scabra



HARMLESS

Delalande's Beaked Blind Snake
Rhinotyphlops lalandei

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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.