## COMMON SNAKES

## OF THE SOUTH COAST



The South Coast has under forty different types of snakes. Seven species are highly venomous, while two others can inflict a rather painful bites. Two species are venomous. Seven species are considered mildly venomous. Twenty species are harmless.

**VERY DANGEROUS** 

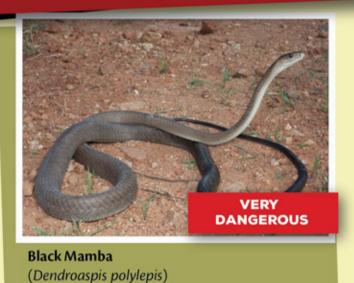
Has caused human fatalities **DANGEROUS** 

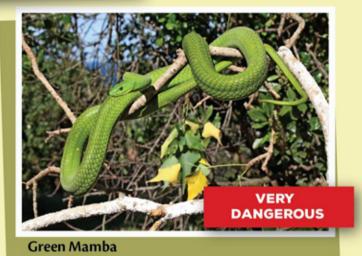
Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

MILDLY **VENOMOUS** 

Not thought to be harmful **HARMLESS** 

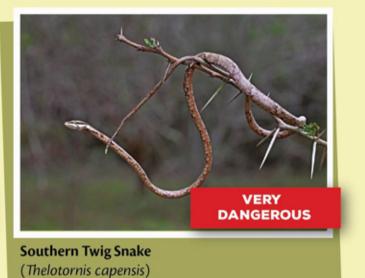
Not dangerous to humans

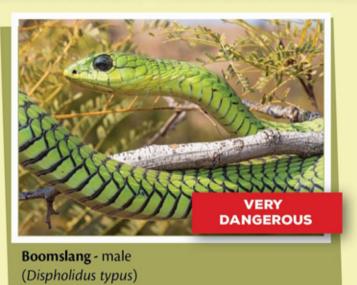


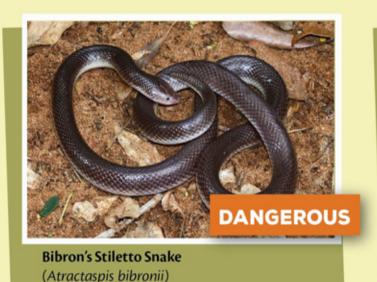


(Dendroaspis angusticeps)

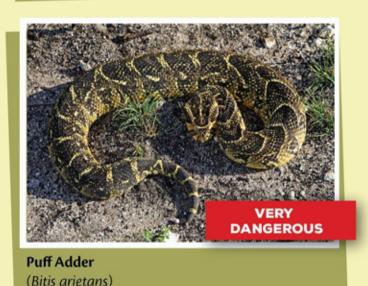
(Causus rhombeatus)

















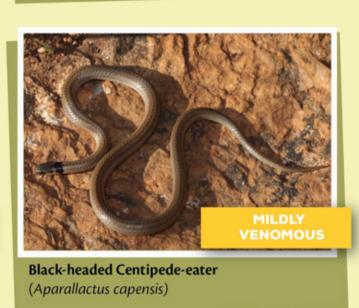


**Short-snouted Grass Snake** (Psammophis brevirostris)



(Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia)

(Philothamnus hoplogaster)





**Southern African Python** (Python natalensis)

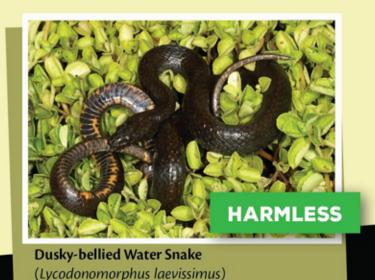


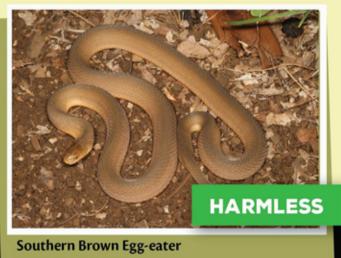
Spotted Bush Snake (Philothamnus semivariegatus)



HARMLESS **Brown House Snake** (Boaedon capensis)









(Dasypeltis inornata)



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