

# DANGEROUS SNAKES, SCORPIONS & SPIDERS OF NAMAQUALAND



Namaqualand has a number of potentially dangerous snakes, scorpions and spiders. The majority of snakes, scorpions and spiders encountered will be harmless or mildly venomous. This poster represents the most dangerous species in these groups.

**VERY DANGEROUS**

Can cause human fatalities

**DANGEROUS**

Painful bite or sting but does not require antivenom



**VERY DANGEROUS**

**Cape Cobra - adult**  
*Naja nivea*



**VERY DANGEROUS**

**Cape Cobra - juvenile**  
*Naja nivea*



**VERY DANGEROUS**

**Black Spitting Cobra**  
*Naja nigricincta woodi*



**DANGEROUS**

**Cape Coral Snake**  
*Aspidelaps l. lubricus*



**VERY DANGEROUS**

**Puff Adder**  
*Bitis arietans*



**DANGEROUS**

**Horned Adder**  
*Bitis caudalis*



**DANGEROUS**

**Many-horned Adder**  
*Bitis cornuta*



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**Desert Mountain Adder**  
*Bitis xeropaga*



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**Namaqua Dwarf Adder**  
*Bitis schneideri*



**VERY DANGEROUS**

**Rough Thicktail Scorpion**  
*Parabuthus granulatus* - photo Luke Kemp



**DANGEROUS**

**Cape Thicktail Scorpion**  
*Parabuthus capensis*



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**Schlechter's Thicktail Scorpion**  
*Parabuthus schlechteri*



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**Black-tipped Thicktail Scorpion**  
*Parabuthus laevifrons* - photo Luke Kemp



**VERY DANGEROUS**

**Black Button Spider**  
*Latrodectus sp.*



**DANGEROUS**

**Brown Button Spider**  
*Latrodectus sp.* - photo Luke Kemp



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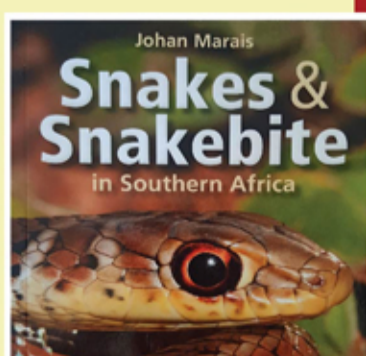
**Violin Spider**  
*Loxosceles sp.*

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## EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

### IN THE EVENT OF A BITE OR STING

- 1 Keep the victim calm, immobilized and in snakebites or scorpion stings transport the victim to the closest hospital **without delay**.
- 2 In suspected spider bites consult a medical doctor.
- 3 If the victim stops breathing, resort to artificial respiration.
- 4 If possible photograph the snake, spider or scorpion and send the photograph to **0824942039** via WhatsApp for positive identification.

### 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.