## COMMON SNAKES OF PORT ST JOHNS



The Port St Johns area has under thirty different types of snakes. Four species are highly venomous, while two others can inflict a rather painful bite. Four species are considered mildly venomous. Twelve species are harmless.

**VERY DANGEROUS** 

Has caused human fatalities **DANGEROUS** 

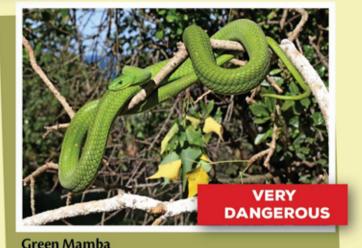
Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

MILDLY **VENOMOUS** 

Not thought to be harmful **HARMLESS** 

Not dangerous to humans











MILDLY **VENOMOUS** 

(Dendroaspis angusticeps)







(Dendroaspis polylepis)

**Natal Purple-glossed Snake** (Amblyodipsas concolor) - photo Marius Burger

**Natal Black Snake** (Macrelaps microlepidotus)

(Dispholidus typus)

**Rhombic Night Adder** (Causus rhombeatus)



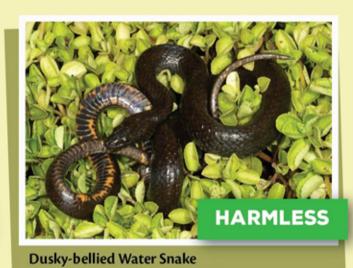
**Short-snouted Grass Snake** (Psammophis brevirostris)



**Herald Snake** 

(Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia)

(Philothamnus semivariegatus)



(Lycodonomorphus laevissimus)

(Philothamnus occidentalis)





Olive Snake (Lycodonomorphus inornatus)

**Rhombic Egg-eater** 

(Dasypeltis scabra)



**Spotted Bush Snake** 



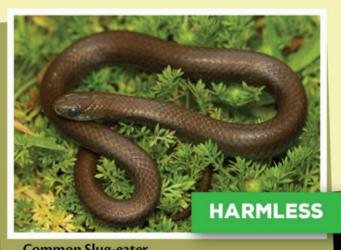
Western Natal Green Snake



**Brown House Snake** (Boaedon capensis)



**HARMLESS** 



Common Slug-eater (Duberrria lutrix) - photo Luke Kemp

**HARMLESS** Bibron's Blind Snake

Southern Brown Egg-eater (Dasypeltis inornata)



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(Afrotyphlops bibronii)

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