

# COMMON SNAKES OF GOUKAMMA NATURE RESERVE



## VERY DANGEROUS

Has caused human fatalities

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Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

## MILDLY VENOMOUS

Not thought to be harmful to humans

## HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans



**Cape Cobra**  
(*Naja nivea*)



**Boomslang - male**  
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**Puff Adder**  
(*Bitis arietans*)



**Berg Adder**  
(*Bitis atropos*)



**Many-spotted Reed Snake**  
(*Amplorhinus multimaculatus*)



**Mole Snake**  
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



**Spotted Harlequin Snake**  
(*Homoroselaps lacteus*)



**Rhombic Night Adder**  
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



**Spotted Skaapsteker**  
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*)



**Cross-marked Grass Snake**  
(*Psammophis crucifer*)



**Herald Snake**  
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



**Western Natal Green Snake**  
(*Philothamnus occidentalis*)



**Brown Water Snake**  
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*) - photo Luke Kemp



**Olive Snake**  
(*Lycodonomorphus inornatus*)



**Rhombic Egg-eater**  
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



**Common Slug-eater**  
(*Duberria lutrix*) - photo Luke Kemp

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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.