

COMMON SNAKES OF WAPADRAND



Pretoria East has around 30 species of snakes recorded. Five species are very dangerous, another five are listed as dangerous. Six species are mildly venomous. Half of the species recorded are harmless and pose no threat to humans or pets.

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

Snouted Cobra
Naja annulifera



VERY DANGEROUS

Mozambique Spitting Cobra
Naja mossambica



VERY DANGEROUS

Rinkhals
Hemachatus haemachatus



DANGEROUS

Rhombic Night Adder
Causus rhombeatus



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Black-headed Centipede-eater
Aprallactus capensis



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Short-snouted Grass Snake
Psammophis brevirostris



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Skaapsteker
Psammophylax rhombeatus



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake
Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia



CAN INFLECT A PAINFUL BITE

Mole Snake
Pseudaspis cana



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
Boaedon capensis



HARMLESS

Aurora House Snake
Lamprophis aurora



HARMLESS

Spotted Bush Snake
Philothamnus semivariegatus



HARMLESS

Brown Water Snake
Lycodonomorphus rufulus



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Common Wolf Snake
Lycophidion capense



HARMLESS

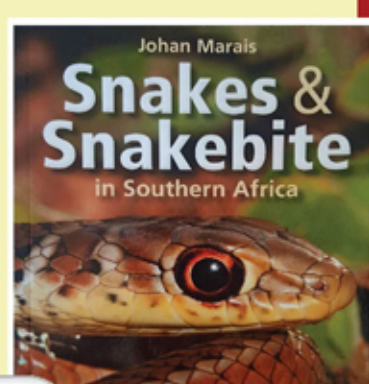
Rhombic Egg-eater
Dasypeltis scabra



HARMLESS

Bibron's Blind Snake
Afrotrophops bibronii

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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.