



**HARMLESS**

## Brown House Snake

*(Boaedon fuliginosus/capensis complex)*



Max length  
1.5 m



This is one of the most common and widespread snakes in Africa. It varies in colour from black to brown, olive-green, russet-red and beige. It has a light stripe from the nose through the top of the eye to the back of the head, and a second stripe on the upper lips. This snake is found in a variety of habitats and easily adapts to urban areas where it feeds on rodents and lizards. It is a good climber and may even climb up face-brick walls. It is a nocturnal snake but is often exposed during the day, especially under building rubble, in garden refuse or in piles of firewood. It bites readily if captured, causing some bleeding but is completely harmless.

