COMMON AND DANGEROUS SNAKES OF NIGERIA



Nigeria has a large variety of snakes. Around 12 species of snakes are highly venomous. About nine are venomous but not deadly. The majority of snakes encountered are either mildly venomous or harmless to humans.

HIGHLY **VENOMOUS**

Has caused human fatalities **VENOMOUS**

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

MILDLY **VENOMOUS**

Not thought to be harmful **HARMLESS**

Not dangerous to humans

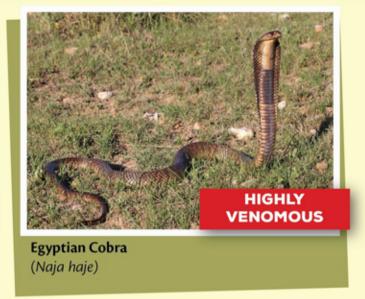


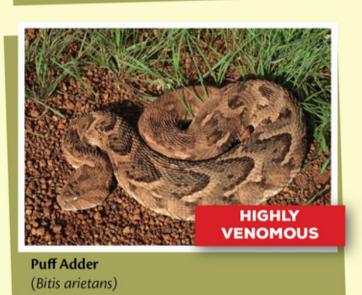
(Dendroaspis jamesoni) - Photo Bill Branch

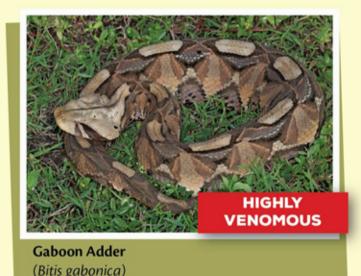


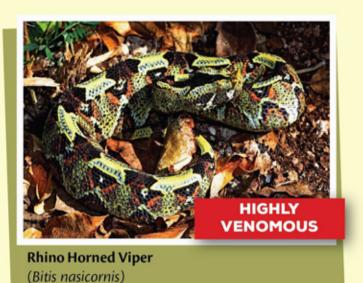
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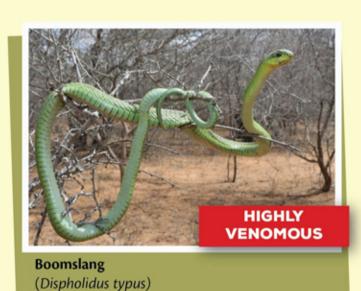


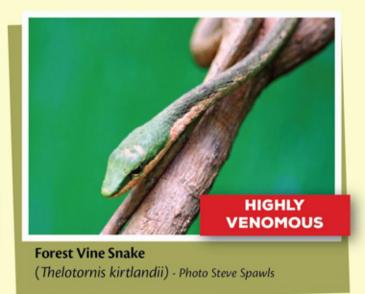




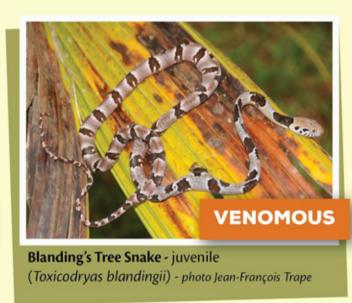


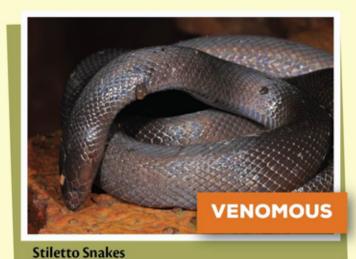


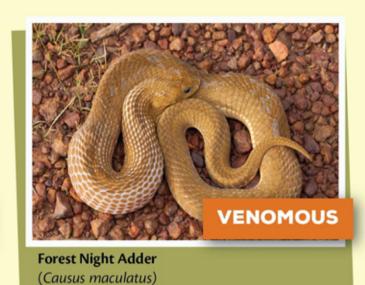


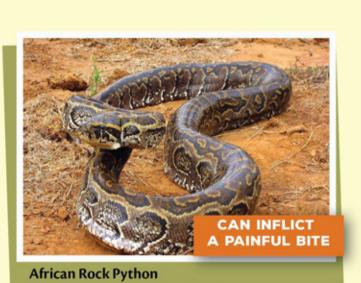




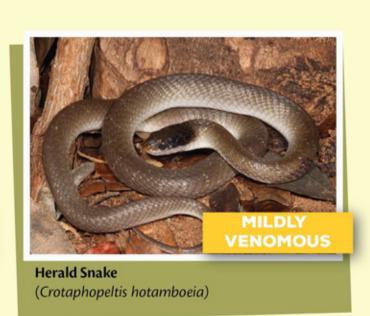








(Python sebae) - Photo Steve Spawls





(Atractaspis spp.) - Photo Bill Branch

Olive Grass Snakes

(Psammophis spp.)

HARMLESS VENOMOUS Common Bush Snake

(Philothamnus irregularis)





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