

COMMON SNAKES AND SCORPIONS OF ASKHAM



Askham has around 14 species of snakes and six scorpions. Three snakes and one scorpion are considered highly venomous. Three snakes and two scorpions can give a bad bite or sting. The rest are harmless or only mildly venomous.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS	VENOMOUS	MILDLY VENOMOUS	HARMLESS
Has caused human fatalities	Painful bite/sting, but does not require antivenom	Not thought to be harmful to humans	Not dangerous to humans



Cape Cobra
(*Naja nivea*)



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Black Spitting Cobra
(*Naja nigricincta woodi*)



Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



Horned Adder
(*Bitis caudalis*)



Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



Mole Snake - grey form
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



Mole Snake - black form
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



Dwarf Beaked Snake
(*Dipsina multimaculata*)



Fork-marked Sand Snake
(*Psammophis trinasalis*)



Bicoloured Quill-snouted Snake
(*Xenocalamus bicolor*)



Bug-eyed House Snake
(*Boaedon mentalis*)



Radiant Burrower
(*Opisthophthalmus carinatus*) - Photo Luke Kemp



Common Lesser-thicktail Scorpion
(*Uroplectes carinatus*) - Photo Luke Kemp

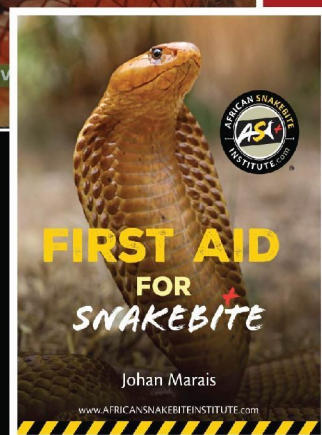
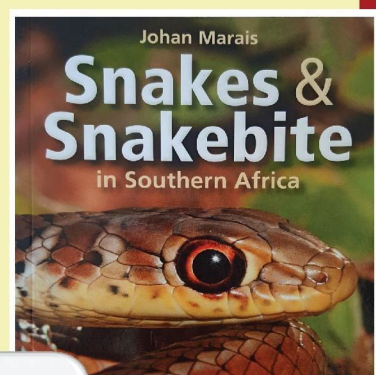


Kalahari Thicktail Scorpion
(*Parabuthus raudus*) - Photo Luke Kemp



Rough Thicktail Scorpion
(*Parabuthus granulatus*) - 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.