COMMON SNAKES OF DURBAN



Durban has around forty five different types of snakes. Six species are highly venomous, while four others can inflict a rather painful bites. Eight species are considered mildly venomous. The majority are harmless to humans.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

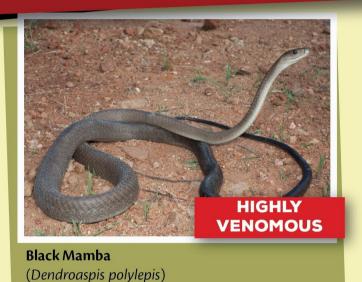
Has caused human fatalities **VENOMOUS**

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

MILDLY **VENOMOUS**

Not thought to be harmful **HARMLESS**

Not dangerous to humans



VENOMOUS

Green Mamba

(Dendroaspis angusticeps)

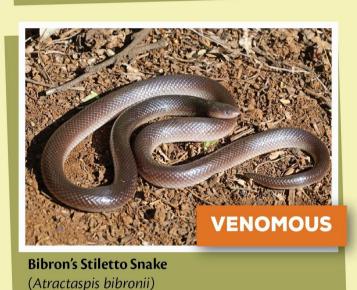
(Causus rhombeatus)



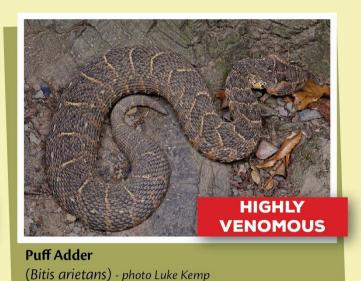
(Naia mossambica)

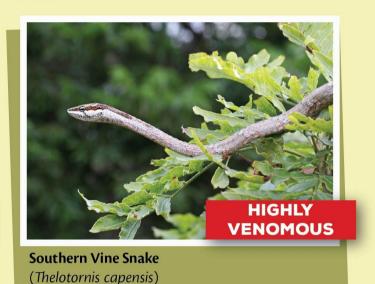


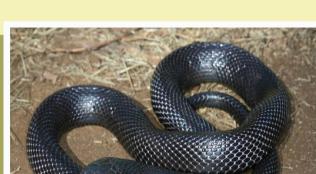
(Dispholidus typus)











VENOMOUS

Natal Black Snake

(Macrelaps microlepidotus)



Short-snouted Grass Snake

(Psammophis brevirostris) - photo Luke Kemp



VENOMOUS **Black-headed Centipede-eater**

(Aparallactus capensis)

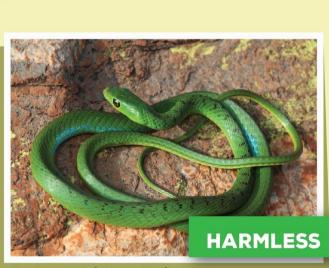




Green Water Snake

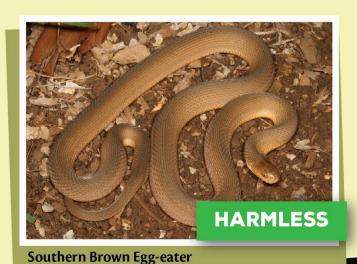
(Philothamnus hoplogaster)





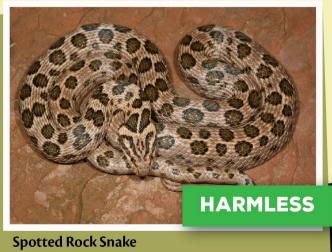
Western Natal Green Snake (Philothamnus occidentalis)

Eastern Natal Green Snake (Philothamnus natalensis)



(Dasypeltis inornata)







(Lamprophis guttatus)



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