

COMMON SNAKES OF GANZEKRAAL NATURE RESERVE



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

MILDLY VENOMOUS

Not thought to be harmful to humans

HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Cape Cobra
(*Naja nivea*)



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Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



VENOMOUS

Southern Adder
(*Bitis armata*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Harlequin Snake
(*Homoroselaps lacteus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Cape Sand Snake
(*Psammophis leightoni*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Cross-marked Grass Snake
(*Psammophis crucifer*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax rhombatus*)



CAN INFLECT A PAINFUL BITE

Mole Snake
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Karoo Sand Snake
(*Psammophis notostictus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



HARMLESS

Aurora House Snake
(*Lamprophis aurora*)



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Rhombic Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



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Brown Water Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*)



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Common Slug-eater
(*Duberria lutrix*)



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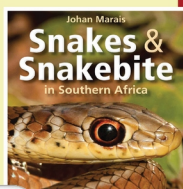
Delelende's Beaked Blind Snake
(*Rhinotyphlops lalandei*) - photo Luke Kemp



HARMLESS

Black Thread Snake
(*Leptotyphlops nigricans*)

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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.