

COMMON SNAKES OF GROOTVADERSBOSCH 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



Cape Cobra
(*Naja nivea*)

HIGHLY VENOMOUS



Rinkhals
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)

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Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)

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Spotted Harlequin Snake
(*Homoroselaps lacteus*)

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Many-spotted Reed Snake
(*Amplorhinus multimaculatus*)

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Rhombic Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)

VENOMOUS



Berg Adder
(*Bitis atropos*)

VENOMOUS



Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)

HIGHLY VENOMOUS



Spotted Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*)

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Cross-marked Grass Snake
(*Psammophis crucifer*)

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Western Natal Green Snake
(*Philothamnus occidentalis*)

HARMLESS



Brown Water Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*)

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Olive Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus inornatus*)

HARMLESS



Rhombic Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)

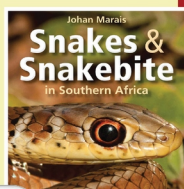
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Common Slug-eater
(*Duberria lutrix*)

HARMLESS

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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.