

COMMON SNAKES OF MATJIESRIVIER 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*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Black Spitting Cobra
(*Naja nigricincta woodi*)



VENOMOUS

Cape Coral Snake
(*Aspidelaps l. lubricus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Beetz's Tiger Snake
(*Telescopus beetzii*)



VENOMOUS

Red Adder - red form
(*Bitis rubida*)



VENOMOUS

Red Adder - patterned form
(*Bitis rubida*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Karoo Sand Snake
(*Psammophis notostictus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*)



HARMLESS

Spotted Rock Snake
(*Lamprophis guttatus*)



HARMLESS

Sundevall's Shovel-snout
(*Prosymna sundevalli*)



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Brown Water Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*)



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Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



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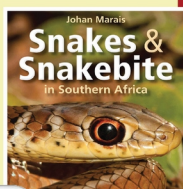
Rhombic Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



HARMLESS

Delelande's Beaked Blind Snake
(*Rhinotyphlops lalandei*) - 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.