

COMMON SNAKES OF WITSANDS 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 - adult
(*Naja nivea*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Cape Cobra - juvenile
(*Naja nivea*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Black Spitting Cobra
(*Naja nigricincta woodii*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



VENOMOUS

Speckled Shield-nose Snake
(*Aspidelaps s. scutatus*)



VENOMOUS

Horned Adder
(*Bitis caudalis*)



VENOMOUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Bicolored Quill-snouted Snake
(*Xenocalamus bicolor*)



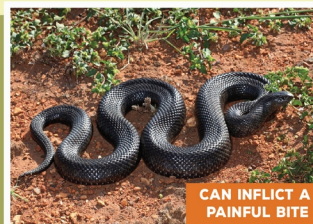
MILDLY VENOMOUS

Striped Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax tritaeniatus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Fork-marked Sand Snake
(*Psammophis trinasis*)



CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

Mole Snake - adult
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



HARMLESS

Mole Snake - juvenile
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



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Common Wolf Snake
(*Lycophidion capense*)



HARMLESS

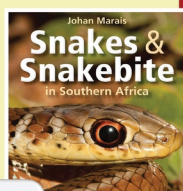
Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



HARMLESS

Delalande's Beaked Blind Snake
(*Rhinotyphlops lalandei*)

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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.