

COMMON SNAKES OF HILLCREST



Hillcrest has around forty different types of snakes. Five species are highly venomous, while three others can inflict a rather painful bites. Eight species are considered mildly venomous. Twenty species are harmless.

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



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Southern Twig Snake
(*Thelornis capensis*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)



VENOMOUS

Natal Black Snake
(*Macrelaps microlepidotus*)



VENOMOUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



VENOMOUS

Rhombic Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



**CAN INFLICT A
NASTY BITE**

Southern African Python
(*Python natalensis*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Short-snouted Grass Snake
(*Psammophis brevirostris*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Black-headed Centipede-eater
(*Aparallactes capensis*)



HARMLESS

Spotted Bush Snake
(*Philothamnus semivariegatus*)



HARMLESS

Green Water Snake
(*Philothamnus hoplogaster*)



HARMLESS

Spotted Rock Snake
(*Lamprophis guttatus*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

Common Wolf Snake
(*Lycophidion capense*)



HARMLESS

Common Brown Water Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*)



HARMLESS

Southern Brown Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis inornata*)



HARMLESS

Peters' Thread Snake
(*Leptotyphlops scutifrons*)

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