

DANGEROUS SNAKES OF EAST AFRICA



East Africa has around 223 different species across different habitats. Nineteen species are considered highly venomous and around thirty six species are dangerous or can inflict a painful bite. The rest are mildly venomous or harmless.

**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Has caused
human fatalities

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does
not require antivenom



**HIGHLY
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Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



**HIGHLY
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Green Mamba
(*Dendroaspis angusticeps*)



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Jameson's Mamba
(*Dendroaspis jamesoni*) - photo Bill Branch



**HIGHLY
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Boomslang
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY
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Egyptian Cobra
(*Naja haje*)



**HIGHLY
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Brown Forest Cobra
(*Naja subfulva*) - photo Luke Kemp



**HIGHLY
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Black-necked Spitting Cobra
(*Naja nigricollis*)



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Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis* sp.)



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Ashe's Spitting Cobra
(*Naja ashei*)



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Red Spitting Cobra
(*Naja pallida*)



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Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)



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Gaboon Adder
(*Bitis gabonica*)



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Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



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North-east African Carpet Viper
(*Echis pyramidum*)



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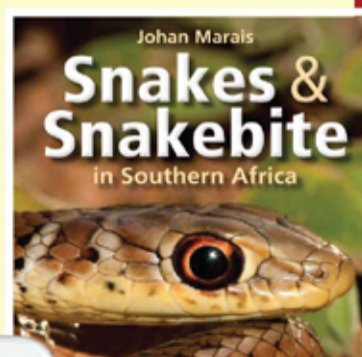
Common Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



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Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis* sp.) - photo Bill Branch

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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: +27 861 555 777.

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.

Contact East African Venom Supplies for removals or snakebite advice - +254 729 403 599