

# COMMON SNAKES OF ESWATINI



Eswatini has sixty two different types of snakes. Thirty one species are not venomous, while eight can inflict rather painful bites. Seven species are considered potentially deadly.

## VERY DANGEROUS

Has caused human fatalities

## DANGEROUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

## MILDLY VENOMOUS

Not thought to be harmful

## HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans



**VERY DANGEROUS**

**Black Mamba**  
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

**Boomslang - male**  
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

**Southern Twig Snake**  
(*Thelotornis capensis*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

**Snouted Cobra**  
(*Naja annulifera*)



**DANGEROUS**

**Bibron's Stiletto Snake**  
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



**DANGEROUS**

**Rhombic Night Adder**  
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

**Puff Adder**  
(*Bitis arietans*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

**Mozambique Spitting Cobra**  
(*Naja mossambica*)



**CAN INFLICT A NASTY BITE**

**Southern African Python**  
(*Python natalensis*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Olive Grass Snake**  
(*Psammophis mossambicus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Short-snouted Grass Snake**  
(*Psammophis brevirostris*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Western Yellow-bellied Sand Snake**  
(*Psammophis subtaeniatus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Herald Snake**  
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Eastern Tiger Snake**  
(*Telescopus semiannulatus*)



**HARMLESS**

**Spotted Bush Snake**  
(*Philothamnus semivariegatus*)



**HARMLESS**

**Brown House Snake**  
(*Boaedon capensis*)



**HARMLESS**

**Common Wolf Snake**  
(*Lycophidion capense*)



**HARMLESS**

**Common Slug-eater**  
(*Duberria lutrix*) - Photo Luke Kemp



**HARMLESS**

**Rhombic Egg-eater**  
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



**HARMLESS**

**Bibron's Blind Snake**  
(*Afrotyphlops bibronii*)

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