

COMMON SNAKES OF LESOTHO



Lesotho has around twenty five different types of snakes. Three species are highly venomous, while three others can inflict a rather painful bite. Six species are considered mildly venomous. Thirteen species are harmless.

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

Rinkhals
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



VERY DANGEROUS

Cape Cobra
(*Naja nivea*)



VERY DANGEROUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



DANGEROUS

Berg Adder
(*Bitis atropos*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Cross-marked Grass Snake
(*Psammophis crucifer*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Many-spotted Reed Snake
(*Amplorhinus multimaculatus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Harlequin Snake
(*Homoroselaps lacteus*)



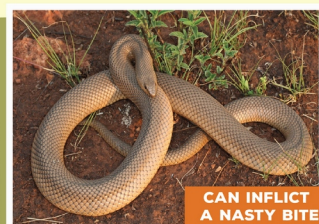
MILDLY VENOMOUS

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



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



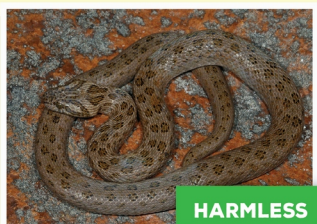
CAN INFLICT A NASTY BITE

Mole Snake
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



HARMLESS

Aurora House Snake
(*Lamprophis aurora*)



HARMLESS

Spotted Rock Snake
(*Lamprophis guttatus*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

Olive Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus inornatus*)



HARMLESS

Common Brown Water Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*)



HARMLESS

Common Wolf Snake
(*Lycophidion capense*)



HARMLESS

Rhombic Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



HARMLESS

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



HARMLESS

Bibron's Blind Snake
(*Afrotyphlops bibronii*)

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