

COMMON SNAKES OF GROBLERSDAL



Groblersdal has around thirty one species of snakes. Five species are considered highly venomous. Five species can give a bad bite. Seven species are mildly venomous and fourteen are non-venomous and harmless to humans.

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**

Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Spouted Cobra
(*Naja annulifera*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Boomslang
(*Dispholidus typus*)



VENOMOUS

Spouted Night Adder
(*Causus defilippii*)



VENOMOUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

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



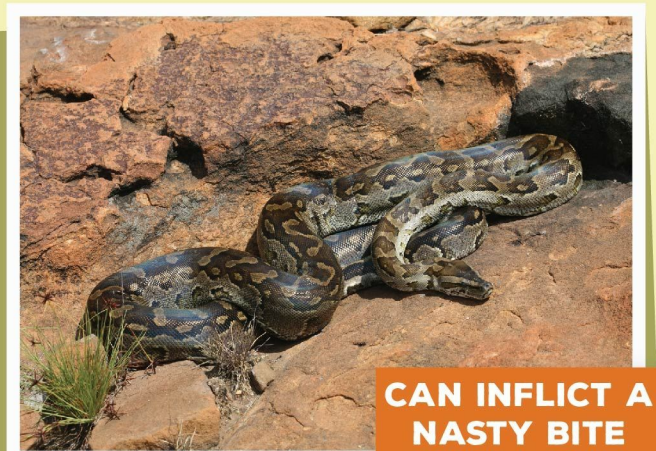
**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Short-spouted Grass Snake
(*Psammophis brevirostris*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Eastern Tiger Snake
(*Telescopus semiannulatus*)



**CAN INFLICT A
NASTY BITE**

Southern Africa Python
(*Python natalensis*)



HARMLESS

Spotted Bush Snake
(*Philothamnus semivariegatus*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



HARMLESS

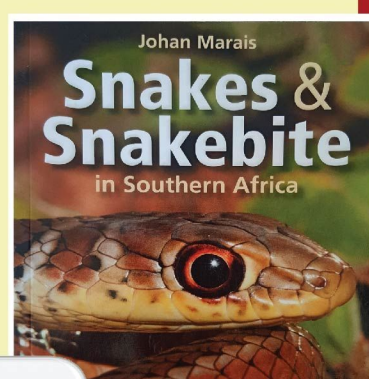
Common Wolf Snake
(*Lycophidion capense*)

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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.