

# COMMON SNAKES OF WAPADRAND

Wapadrand has around 30 species of snakes recorded. Five species are very dangerous, another five are listed as dangerous. Six species are mildly venomous. Half of the species recorded are harmless and pose no threat to humans or pets.

## VERY DANGEROUS

Has caused human fatalities

## DANGEROUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

## MILDLY VENOMOUS

Not thought to be harmful to humans

## HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans



**VERY DANGEROUS**

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



**VERY DANGEROUS**

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



**VERY DANGEROUS**

**Rinkhals**  
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



**DANGEROUS**

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



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

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



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

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



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Spotted Skaapsteker**  
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

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



**CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE**

**Mole Snake**  
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



**HARMLESS**

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



**HARMLESS**

**Aurora House Snake**  
(*Lamprophis aurora*)



**HARMLESS**

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



**HARMLESS**

**Brown Water Snake**  
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*)



**HARMLESS**

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



**HARMLESS**

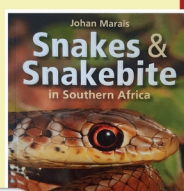
**Rhombic Egg-eater**  
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



**HARMLESS**

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

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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.