

COMMON SNAKES OF NELSPRUIT



Nelspruit has around forty seven different types of snakes. Twenty three species are not venomous, while nineteen can inflict rather painful bites. Seven species are considered potentially deadly.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

MILDLY VENOMOUS

Not thought to be harmful

HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Southern Twig Snake
(*Thelotornis capensis*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Snouted Cobra
(*Naja annulifera*)



VENOMOUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



VENOMOUS

Rhombic Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)



CAN INFLICT A NASTY BITE

Southern African Python
(*Python natalensis*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Eastern Tiger Snake
(*Teloscopus semiannulatus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Short-snouted Grass Snake
(*Psammophis brevirostris*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

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



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



HARMLESS

Rhombic Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



HARMLESS

Spotted Bush Snake
(*Philothamnus semivariegatus*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

Common Wolf Snake
(*Lycophidion capense*)



HARMLESS

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



HARMLESS

East-African Shovel-snout
(*Prosymna stuhlmanni*)



HARMLESS

Bibron's Blind Snake
(*Afrotyphlops bibronii*)

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