

COMMON SNAKES OF MONTAGU



Montagu has around 18 species of snakes. Three species are considered highly venomous. Two species can give a bad bite and one might require stitches. Five species are mildly venomous. Seven species are 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

Cape Cobra - adult
(*Naja nivea*)



VENOMOUS

Cape Coral Snake
(*Aspidelaps l. lubricus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Karoo Sand Snake
(*Psammophis notostictus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax rhombatus*)



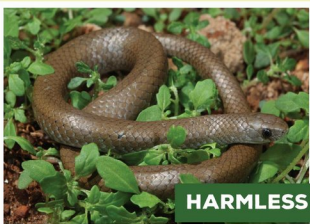
MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Harlequin
(*Homoroselaps lacteus*)



VENOMOUS

Red Adder
(*Bitis rubida*)



HARMLESS

Common Slug-eater
(*Duberria lutrix*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Dwarf Beaked Snake
(*Dipsina multimaculata*) - photo Marius Burger



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



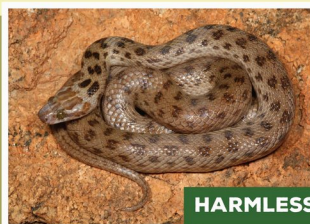
CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

Mole Snake
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



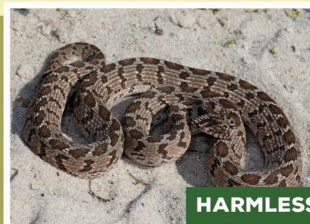
HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

Spotted Rock Snake
(*Lamprophis guttatus*)



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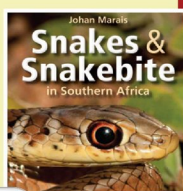
Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



HARMLESS

Delalande's Beaked Blind Snake
(*Rhinotyphlops lalandei*)

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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.