

COMMON SNAKES OF GROBLERSBRUG



Groblersbrug has around 31 species of snakes. Six species are considered highly venomous. Four species can give a bad bite while two others may require stitches. Nine species are mildly venomous. Ten 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

HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Snouted Cobra
(*Naja annulifera*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Snouted Cobra - Banded form
(*Naja annulifera*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



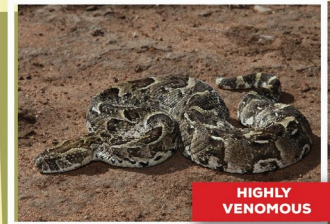
**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Boomslang - female
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Southern Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis capensis*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



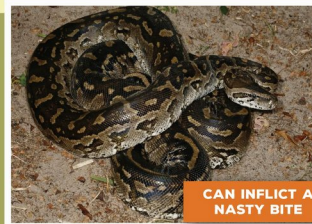
VENOMOUS

Speckled Shield-nose Snake
(*Aspidelaps s. scutatus*)



VENOMOUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



**CAN INFLICT A
NASTY BITE**

Southern African Python
(*Python natalensis*)



**CAN INFLICT A
NASTY BITE**

Mole Snake
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Short-snouted Grass Snake
(*Psammophis brevirostris*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

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



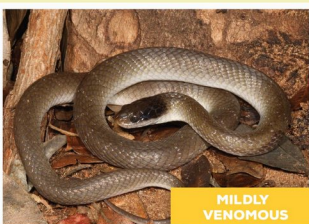
**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Eastern Tiger Snake
(*Telescopus semiannulatus*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Striped Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax tritaeniatus*)



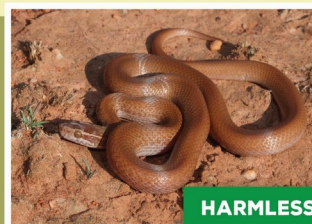
**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



HARMLESS

Spotted Bush Snake
(*Philothamnus semivariiegatus*) - photo Luke Kemp



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)

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