

COMMON SNAKES OF POLOKWANE



Polokwane has around forty different types of snakes. Six species are highly venomous, while four others can inflict a rather painful bite. Eight species are considered mildly venomous. The majority are harmless to humans.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS	VENOMOUS	MILDLY VENOMOUS	HARMLESS
Has caused human fatalities	Painful bite, but does not require antivenom	Not thought to be harmful	Not dangerous to humans



Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



Snouted Cobra - plain form
(*Naja annulifera*)



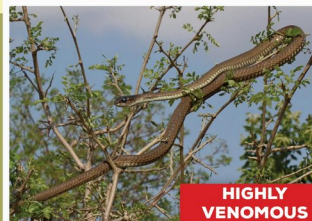
Snouted Cobra - banded form
(*Naja annulifera*)



Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)



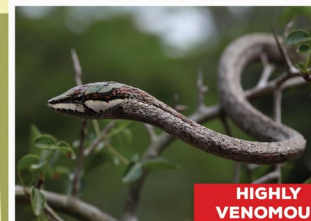
Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



Boomslang - female
(*Dispholidus typus*)



Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



Southern Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis capensis*)



Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



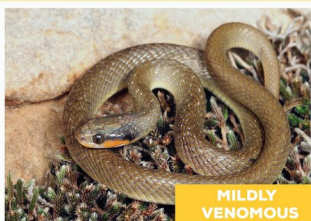
Common Purple-glossed Snake
(*Amblyodipsas polylepis*)



Short-snouted Grass Snake
(*Psammophis brevirostris*) - photo Luke Kemp



Striped Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax tritaeniatus*)



Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*) - photo Luke Kemp



Eastern Tiger Snake
(*Telescopus semiannulatus*)



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



Southern Africa Python
(*Python natalensis*)



Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



Common Wolf Snake
(*Lycophidion capense*)



Spotted Bush Snake
(*Philothamnus semivariiegatus*)

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