

# COMMON SNAKES OF THE KRUGER NATIONAL PARK



The Kruger National Park has around sixty-eight different types of snakes. Six species are highly venomous, while six others can inflict a rather painful bite. Twenty species are considered mildly venomous. Thirty-six species are harmless.

**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**

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



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Boomslang - male**  
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Southern Vine Snake**  
(*Thelotornis capensis*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Puff Adder**  
(*Bitis arietans*)



**CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE**

**Southern African Python**  
(*Python natalensis*)



**VENOMOUS**

**Intermediate Shield-nose Snake**  
(*Aspidelaps scutatus intermedius*)



**VENOMOUS**

**Bibron's Stiletto Snake**  
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



**VENOMOUS**

**Snouted Night Adder**  
(*Causus defilippii*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

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



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Marbled Tree Snake**  
(*Dipsadoboa aulica*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Olive Grass Snake**  
(*Psammophis mossambicus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

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



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Striped Skaapsteeker**  
(*Psammophylax triaeniatus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Rufous Beaked Snake**  
(*Rhamphiphis rostratus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Eastern Tiger Snake**  
(*Telescopus semiannulatus*)



**HARMLESS**

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



**HARMLESS**

**Brown House Snake**  
(*Boaedon capensis*) - photo Luke Kemp



**HARMLESS**

**Common Egg-eater**  
(*Dasypteltis scabra*)

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