

COMMON SNAKES OF ROSENDAL



Rosendal has around 22 species of snakes. Three snakes are considered highly venomous. Two snake can give a bad bite. Six snakes are mildly venomous and 11 other snakes are harmless.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities

VENOMOUS

Painful bite/sting, but does not require antivenom

MILDLY VENOMOUS

Not thought to be harmful to humans

HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Cape Cobra
(*Naja nivea*)



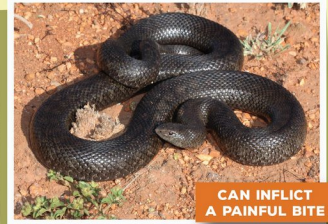
HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Rinkhals
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

Mole Snake
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax rhombatus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Cross-marked Grass Snake
(*Psammophis crucifer*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboiea*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

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



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

Aurora House Snake
(*Lamprophis aurora*)



HARMLESS

Brown Water Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*)



HARMLESS

Common Wolf Snake
(*Lycophidion capense*)



HARMLESS

Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



HARMLESS

Common Slug-eater
(*Duberria lutrix*)



HARMLESS

Sundevall's Shovel-snout
(*Prosymna sundevallii*)



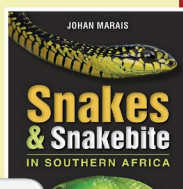
HARMLESS

Delalande's Beaked Blind Snake
(*Rhynchotyphlops 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.