

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



Cape Cobra - adult
(*Naja nivea*)

HIGHLY VENOMOUS



Cape Coral Snake
(*Aspidelaps lubricus*)

VENOMOUS



Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)

HIGHLY VENOMOUS



Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)

HIGHLY VENOMOUS



Karoo Sand Snake
(*Psammophis notostictus*)

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Spotted Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax rhombatus*)

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Spotted Harlequin
(*Homoroselaps lacteus*)

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Red Adder
(*Bitis rubida*)

VENOMOUS



Common Slug-eater
(*Dubertia lutrix*)

HARMLESS



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

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)

MILDLY VENOMOUS



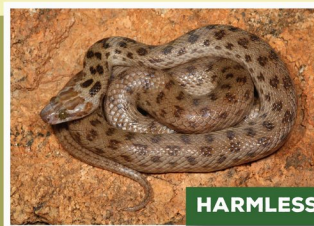
Mole Snake
(*Pseudaspis cana*)

CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE



Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)

HARMLESS



Spotted Rock Snake
(*Lamprophis guttatus*)

HARMLESS



Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)

HARMLESS



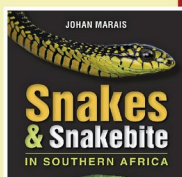
Delalande's Beaked Blind Snake
(*Rhinyophlops lalandei*)

HARMLESS

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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.