COMMON AND DANGEROUS SNAKES OF GHANA



Ghana has a large variety of snakes. Around fourteen species of snakes are highly venomous. About twelve are venomous but not deadly. The majority of snakes encountered are either mildly venomous or harmless to humans.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities **VENOMOUS**

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

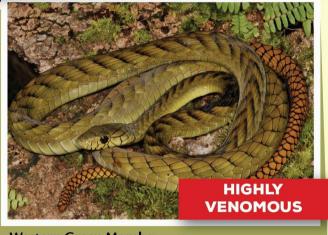
MILDLY **VENOMOUS**

Not thought to be harmful **HARMLESS**

Not dangerous to humans

HIGHLY

VENOMOUS



Western Green Mamba (Dendroaspis viridis) - Photo Bill Branch



Black-necked Spitting Cobra - juvenile (Naja nigricollis)



Forest Vine Snake

(Thelotornis kirtlandii) - photo Richard Mckibbin



Rhino Horned Viper (Bitis nasicornis)



Western Gaboon Adder

(Bitis rhinoceros) - photo Luke Kemp



Puff Adder (Bitis arietans)

(Naja melanoleuca/savannula)





African Rock Python (Python sebae)



Stiletto Snakes (Atractaspis spp.) - Photo Bill Branch



Blanding's Tree Snake - male (Toxicodryas blandingii) - Photo Gerald Dunger



(Atheris chlorechis) - photo Mo Rodel

VENOMOUS

Spotted Night Adder (Causus maculatus) - Photo Jelmer Groen

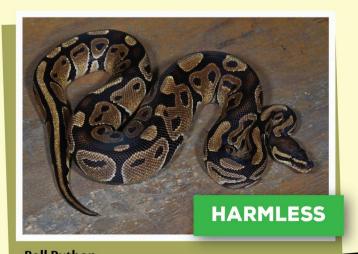


Herald Snake (Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia)

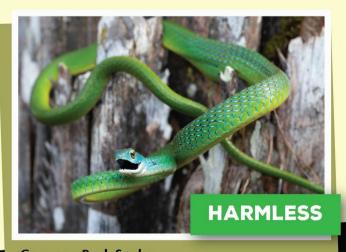


Olive Grass Snake (Psammophis sp.)





Ball Python (Python regius) - Photo Luke Kemp



Common Bush Snake (Philothamnus irregularis)



(Boaedon sp.)



(Natriciteres variegata) - Photo Bill Branch

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