COMMON SNAKES OF POTCHEFSTROOM



There are around 27 snake species in the Potchefstroom area. Fourteen are harmless, nine can deliver a painful bite and four are considered highly venomous.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

MILDLY VENOMOUS

Not thought to be harmfull

HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans



Cape Cobra (Naja nivea)



Rinkhals - adult (Hemachatus haemachatus)



Rinkhals - juvenile (Hemachatus haemachatus)



Boomslang - male (Dispholidus typus)



Spotted Skaapsteker (*Psammophylax rhombeatus*)



Bibron's Stiletto Snake(Atractaspis bibronii) - photo Marius Burger



Common Night Adder (Causus rhombeatus)



Puff Adder (Bitis arietans)



Striped Skaapsteker (*Psammophylax tritaeniatus*)



Herald Snake (Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia)



Short-snouted Grass Snake (*Psammophis brevirostris*)



Black-headed Centipede-eater (Aparallactus capensis)



Mole Snake - adult (Pseudaspis cana)



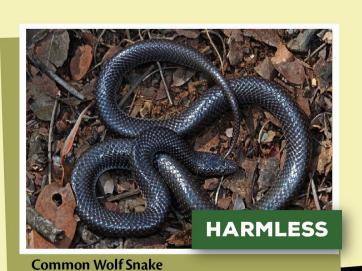
Mole Snake - juvenile (Pseudaspis cana)



Aurora House Snake (*Lamprophis aurora*)



Brown House Snake (Boaedon capensis)



(Lycophidion capense)



Common Egg-eater (Dasypeltis scabra)



(Lycodonomorphus rufulus)



Delalande's Beaked Blind Snake (Rhinotyphlops Ialandei)

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