COMMON SNAKES OF JOHANNESBURG



Johannesburg has around 26 species of snakes. Two species are considered highly venomous. Three species are venomous and another can deliver a painful bite that may require stitches. Eight species are mildly venomous and the rest are 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



Rinkhals - adult (Hemachatus haemachatus)



Rinkhals - juvenile (Hemachatus haemachatus)



Puff Adder (Bitis arietans)



(Causus rhombeatus)



(Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia) - photo Luke Kemp



Mole Snake - juvenile (Pseudaspis cana)



Mole Snake - adult (Pseudaspis cana)



Bibron's Stiletto Snake (Atractaspis bibronii)



Cross-marked Grass Snake (Psammophis crucifer)



Short-snouted Grass Snake (Psammophis brevirostris)



Spotted Skaapsteker (Psammophylax rhombeatus)



Black-headed Centipede-eater (Aparallactus capensis)



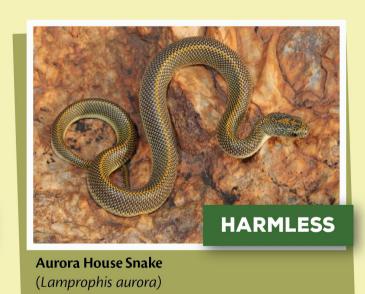
Brown Water Snake (Lycodonomorphus rufulus)

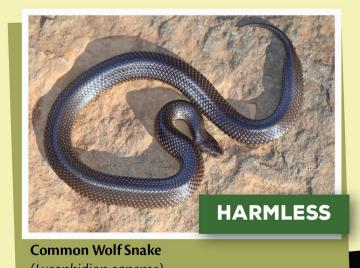


Olive Snake (Lycodonomorphus inornatus)



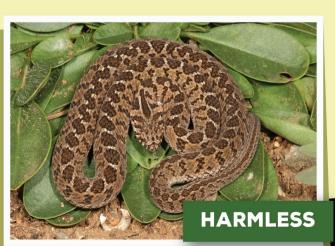
Brown House Snake (Boaedon capensis) - photo Luke Kemp





HARMLESS

Common Egg-eater - plain form (Dasypeltis scabra)



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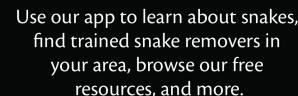


(Afrotyphlops bibronii)



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