

# COMMON SNAKES OF ESWATINI



Eswatini has sixty two different types of snakes. Thirty one species are not venomous, while eight can inflict rather painful bites. Seven species are considered potentially deadly.

## 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**

**Black Mamba**  
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Boomslang - male**  
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Southern Twig Snake**  
(*Thelotornis capensis*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Snouted Cobra**  
(*Naja annulifera*)



**VENOMOUS**

**Bibron's Stiletto Snake**  
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



**VENOMOUS**

**Common Night Adder**  
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Puff Adder**  
(*Bitis arietans*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Mozambique Spitting Cobra**  
(*Naja mossambica*)



**CAN INFLECT A NASTY BITE**

**Southern African Python**  
(*Python natalensis*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Olive Grass Snake**  
(*Psammophis mossambicus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Short-snouted Grass Snake**  
(*Psammophis brevirostris*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Western Yellow-bellied Sand Snake**  
(*Psammophis subtaeniatus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Herald Snake**  
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Eastern Tiger Snake**  
(*Telescopus semiannulatus*)



**HARMLESS**

**Spotted Bush Snake**  
(*Philothamnus semivariegatus*)



**HARMLESS**

**Brown House Snake**  
(*Boaedon capensis*)



**HARMLESS**

**Common Wolf Snake**  
(*Lycophidion capense*)



**HARMLESS**

**Common Slug-eater**  
(*Duberria lutrix*) - Photo Luke Kemp



**HARMLESS**

**Common Egg-eater**  
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



**HARMLESS**

**Bibron's Blind Snake**  
(*Afrotyphlops bibronii*)

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