COMMON SNAKES

OF PIETERMARITZBURG



Pietermaritzburg has around twenty six different types of snakes. Four species are highly venomous, while four others can inflict a rather painful bites. Three species are considered mildly venomous and twelve 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





VENOMOUS



Mozambique Spitting Cobra (Naia mossambica)

(Causus rhombeatus)

Boomslang - male (Dispholidus typus)

Boomslang - female (Dispholidus typus)









(Bitis arietans) - photo Luke Kemp

Bibron's Stiletto Snake (Atractaspis bibronii)

Southern African Python (Python natalensis)



MILDLY VENOMOUS **Short-snouted Grass Snake**





Common Slug-eater (Duberria lutrix)

(Psammophis brevirostris) - photo Luke Kemp

Herald Snake (Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia) - photo Luke Kemp



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(Aparallactus capensis)

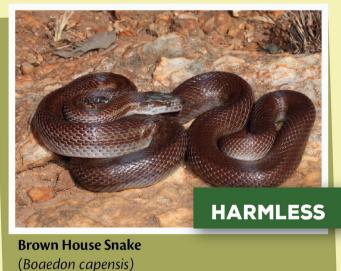
Spotted Bush Snake (Philothamnus semivariegatus) - photo Luke Kemp

Green Water Snake

(Philothamnus hoplogaster)

(Lycodonomorphus rufulus)

Western Natal Green Snake (Philothamnus occidentalis)



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Brown Egg-eater (Dasypeltis inornata)

Brown Water Snake

Olive Snake (Lycodonomorphus inornatus)



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