COMMON SNAKES OF PRETORIA



Pretoria has around 35 species of snakes. Five species are considered highly venomous. Three species are venomous and two others can deliver a painful bite that may require stitches. Nine 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



Snouted Cobra (Naja annulifera)



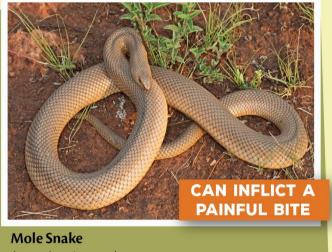
Mozambique Spitting Cobra (Naja mossambica)



Rinkhals (Hemachatus haemachatus)



Boomslang - male (Dispholidus typus)



(Pseudaspis cana)



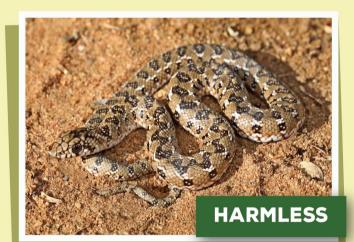
Bibron's Stiletto Snake (Atractaspis bibronii)



Common Night Adder (Causus rhombeatus)



Puff Adder (Bitis arietans)



Mole Snake - Juvenile (Pseudaspis cana)



Short-snouted Grass Snake (Psammophis brevirostris)



Spotted Skaapsteker (Psammophylax rhombeatus)



Black-headed Centipede-eater (Aparallactus capensis)



Brown Water Snake (Lycodonomorphus rufulus) - photo Luke Kemp



Brown House Snake (Boaedon capensis) - photo Luke Kemp



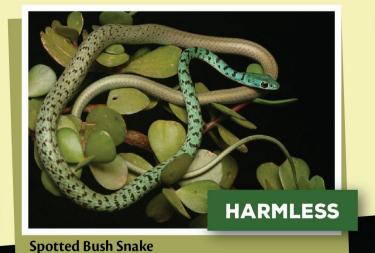
Aurora House Snake (Lamprophis aurora)



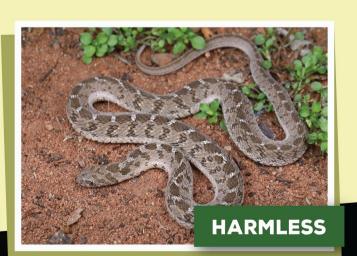
Herald Snake (Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia) - photo Luke Kemp



Common Wolf Snake (Lycophidion capense)



(Philothamnus semivariegatus) - photo Luke Kemp



Common Egg-eater (Dasypeltis scabra) - photo Luke Kemp



(Afrotyphlops bibronii)

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