

DANGEROUS SNAKES OF KWAZULU-NATAL



KwaZulu-Natal has eighty-three different types of snakes. Forty-four species are not venomous, while twenty snake species are mildly venomous. Eight can inflict a painful bite and six species are considered highly venomous.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom



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Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



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Green Mamba
(*Dendroaspis angusticeps*)



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Southern Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis capensis*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang - female
(*Dispholidus typus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang - juvenile
(*Dispholidus typus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Rinkhals
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Forest Cobra
(*Naja subfulva*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Snouted Cobra
(*Naja annulifera*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)



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Gaboon Adder
(*Bitis gabonica*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



VENOMOUS

Berg Adder
(*Bitis atropos*)



VENOMOUS

Common Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)

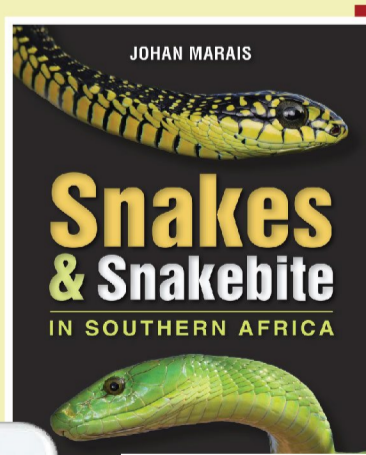


VENOMOUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)

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EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

IN THE EVENT OF A SNAKE BITE

- 1 Keep the victim calm, immobilized and transport the victim to the closest hospital **without delay**.
- 2 If the victim stops breathing, resort to artificial respiration or make use of a Bag Valve Mask.

DO NOT

- ... apply a tourniquet.
- ... cut and suck the wound.
- ... use ice or very hot water.
- ... give the victim alcohol.
- ... apply electric shock.
- ... inject antivenom randomly. Antivenom (if required) must be administered by a doctor in a hospital environment.