

DANGEROUS SNAKES OF THE EASTERN CAPE



The Eastern Cape has fifty-one different types of snakes. Twenty-four species are not venomous, while eleven are mildly venomous. Nine snake species are venomous and seven species are considered highly venomous.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



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Green Mamba
(*Dendroaspis angusticeps*)



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Cape Cobra
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Rinkhals
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Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



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Southern Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis capensis*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*) - photo Luke Kemp



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang - female
(*Dispholidus typus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang - juvenile
(*Dispholidus typus*)



VENOMOUS

Cape Coral Snake
(*Aspidelaps l. lubricus*)



VENOMOUS

Berg Adder
(*Bitis atropos*) - photo Luke Kemp



VENOMOUS

Plain Mountain Adder
(*Bitis inornata*)



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Albany Adder
(*Bitis albanica*) - photo Luke Kemp



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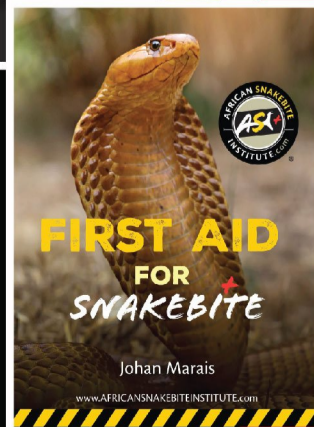
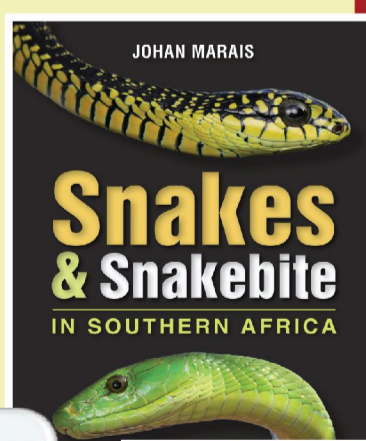
Common Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)

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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.