

# COMMON SNAKES OF LESOTHO



Lesotho has around twenty five different types of snakes. Three species are highly venomous, while three others can inflict a rather painful bite. Six species are considered mildly venomous. Thirteen species are harmless.

## 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

Rinkhals  
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



## HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Cape Cobra  
(*Naja nivea*)



## HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder  
(*Bitis arietans*)



## VENOMOUS

Berg Adder  
(*Bitis atropos*)



## MILDLY VENOMOUS

Cross-marked Grass Snake  
(*Psammophis crucifer*)



## MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Skaapsteker  
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*)



## MILDLY VENOMOUS

Many-spotted Reed Snake  
(*Amplorhinus multimaculatus*)



## MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Harlequin Snake  
(*Homoroselaps lacteus*)



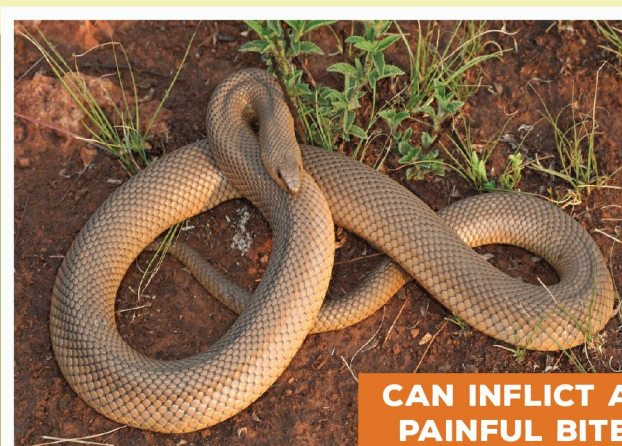
## MILDLY VENOMOUS

Black-headed Centipede-eater  
(*Aparallactus capensis*)



## MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake  
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



## CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

Mole Snake  
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



## HARMLESS

Aurora House Snake  
(*Lamprophis aurora*)



## HARMLESS

Spotted Rock Snake  
(*Lamprophis guttatus*)



## HARMLESS

Brown House Snake  
(*Boaedon capensis*)



## HARMLESS

Olive Snake  
(*Lycodonomorphus inornatus*)



## HARMLESS

Common Brown Water Snake  
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*)



## HARMLESS

Common Wolf Snake  
(*Lycophidion capense*)



## HARMLESS

Common Egg-eater  
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



## HARMLESS

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



## HARMLESS

Bibron's Blind Snake  
(*Afrotyphlops bibronii*)

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