

COMMON SNAKES OF COLESBERG



Colesberg has around twenty one different types of snakes. Two species are considered highly venomous while another three are venomous and one can give a bad bite. Most snakes encountered are mildly venomous or harmless.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

MILDLY VENOMOUS

Not thought to be harmful to humans

HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Cape Cobra
(*Naja nivea*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



VENOMOUS

Cape Coral Snake
(*Aspidelaps l. lubricus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*) - Photo Luke Kemp



CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

Mole Snake - Adult
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



HARMLESS

Mole Snake - juvenile
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Cross-marked Grass Snake
(*Psammophis crucifer*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Karoo Sand Snake
(*Psammophis notostictus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*) - photo Luke Kemp



HARMLESS

Aurora House Snake
(*Lamprophis aurora*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

Spotted Rock Snake
(*Alopecion guttatum*)



HARMLESS

Common Wolf Snake
(*Lycophidion capense*) - Photo Luke Kemp



HARMLESS

Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



HARMLESS

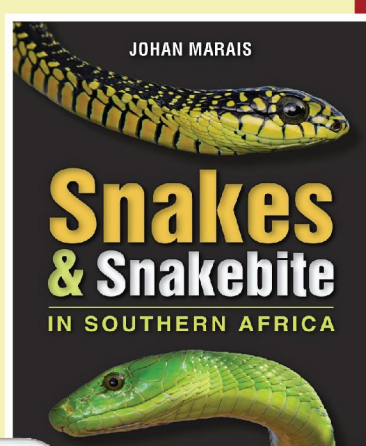
Sundevall's Shovel-snout
(*Prosymna sundevallii*)



HARMLESS

Common Slug-eater
(*Duberria lutrix*)

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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.
- 3 Call the Poison Information Centre help-line for further advice: 0861 555 777.

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.