

COMMON SNAKES OF THE EAST RAND



The East Rand has around nineteen different species of snakes. One species is considered highly venomous. Another four may give a bad bite but are not life-threatening. Five are considered mildly venomous and the rest are completely harmless to humans.

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**

Rinkhals
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



VENOMOUS

Common Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



VENOMOUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



**CAN INFLICT A
PAINFUL BITE**

Mole Snake
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

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



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Cross-marked Grass Snake
(*Psammophis crucifer*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Short-snouted Grass Snake
(*Psammophis brevirostris*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Spotted Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

Brown Water Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*)



HARMLESS

Olive Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus inornatus*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



HARMLESS

Common Wolf Snake
(*Lycophidion capense*)



HARMLESS

Aurora House Snake
(*Lamprophis aurora*)



HARMLESS

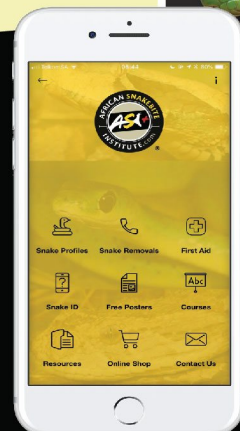
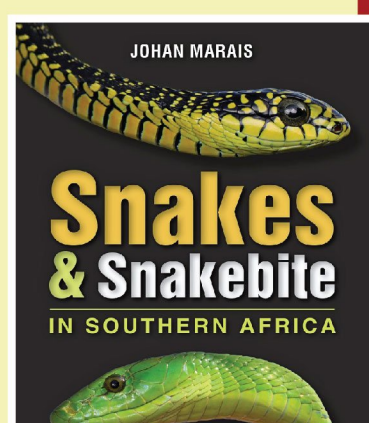
Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



HARMLESS

Bibron's Blind Snake
(*Afrotyphlops 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.
- 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.