

# COMMON SNAKES OF HILLCREST



Hillcrest has around forty different types of snakes. Five species are highly venomous, while three others can inflict a rather painful bites. Eight species are considered mildly venomous. Twenty 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**

**Black Mamba**  
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



**HIGHLY  
VENOMOUS**

**Boomslang - male**  
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY  
VENOMOUS**

**Southern Twig Snake**  
(*Thelotornis capensis*)



**HIGHLY  
VENOMOUS**

**Mozambique Spitting Cobra**  
(*Naja mossambica*)



**VENOMOUS**

**Natal Black Snake**  
(*Macrelaps microlepidotus*)



**VENOMOUS**

**Bibron's Stiletto Snake**  
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



**VENOMOUS**

**Common Night Adder**  
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



**HIGHLY  
VENOMOUS**

**Puff Adder**  
(*Bitis arietans*)



**CAN INFLICT  
A PAINFUL BITE**

**Southern African Python**  
(*Python natalensis*)



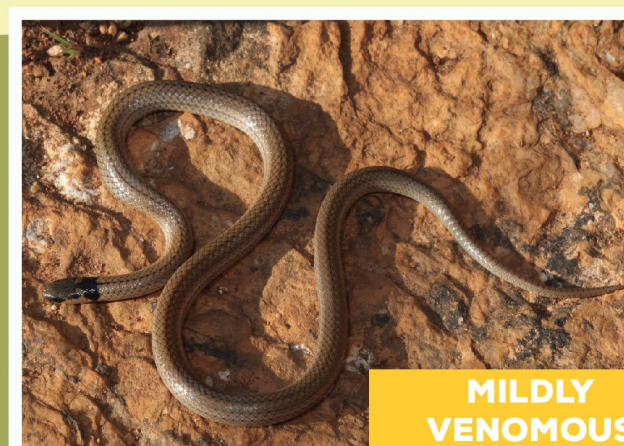
**MILDLY  
VENOMOUS**

**Short-snouted Grass Snake**  
(*Psammophis brevirostris*)



**MILDLY  
VENOMOUS**

**Herald Snake**  
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



**MILDLY  
VENOMOUS**

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



**HARMLESS**

**Spotted Bush Snake**  
(*Philothamnus semivariegatus*)



**HARMLESS**

**Green Water Snake**  
(*Philothamnus hoplogaster*)



**HARMLESS**

**Spotted Rock Snake**  
(*Alopecion guttatum*)



**HARMLESS**

**Brown House Snake**  
(*Boaedon capensis*)



**HARMLESS**

**Common Wolf Snake**  
(*Lycophidion capense*)



**HARMLESS**

**Common Brown Water Snake**  
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*)



**HARMLESS**

**Southern Brown Egg-eater**  
(*Dasypeltis inornata*)



**HARMLESS**

**Peters' Thread Snake**  
(*Leptotyphlops scutifrons*)

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