

# COMMON SNAKES OF PRETORIA EAST



Pretoria East has around 35 species of snakes. Five species are considered highly venomous. Three species are venomous and two others can deliver a painful bite that may require stitches. Nine species are mildly venomous and the rest are harmless to humans.

## HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities

## VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

## MILDLY VENOMOUS

Not thought to be harmful

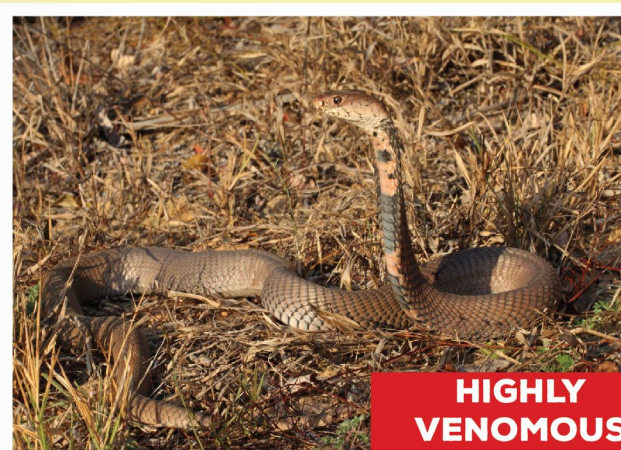
## HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans



## HIGHLY VENOMOUS

**Snouted Cobra**  
(*Naja annulifera*)



## HIGHLY VENOMOUS

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



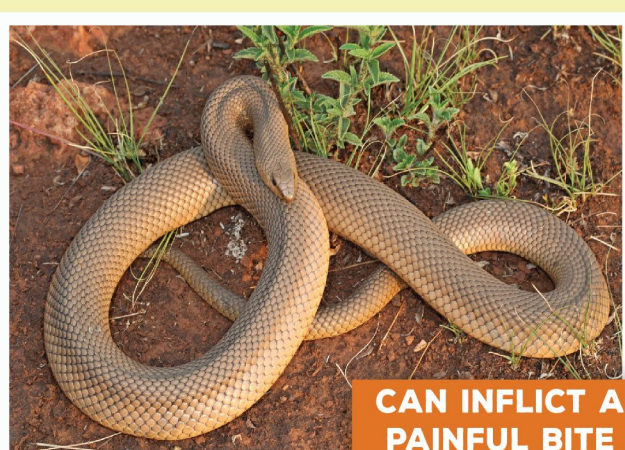
## HIGHLY VENOMOUS

**Rinkhals**  
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



## HIGHLY VENOMOUS

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



## CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

**Mole Snake**  
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



## VENOMOUS

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



## VENOMOUS

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



## HIGHLY VENOMOUS

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



## HARMLESS

**Mole Snake - Juvenile**  
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



## MILDLY VENOMOUS

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



## MILDLY VENOMOUS

**Spotted Skaapsteker**  
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*)



## MILDLY VENOMOUS

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



## HARMLESS

**Brown Water Snake**  
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*) - photo Luke Kemp



## HARMLESS

**Brown House Snake**  
(*Boaedon capensis*) - photo Luke Kemp



## HARMLESS

**Aurora House Snake**  
(*Lamprophis aurora*)



## MILDLY VENOMOUS

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



## HARMLESS

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



## HARMLESS

**Spotted Bush Snake**  
(*Philothamnus semivariegatus*) - photo Luke Kemp



## HARMLESS

**Common Egg-eater**  
(*Dasypeltis scabra*) - photo Luke Kemp



## HARMLESS

**Bibron's Blind Snake**  
(*Afrotrophops bibronii*)

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