## COMMON SNAKES OF MBONA PRIVATE NATURE RESERVE



Mbona has around thirty five different types of snakes. Four species are highly venomous, while six others can inflict a rather painful bite. Seven species are considered mildly venomous. Sixteen 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





(Dispholidus typus)





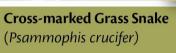


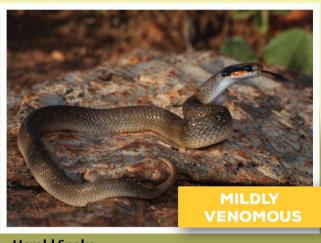






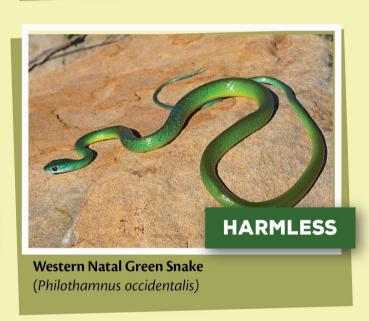






**Herald Snake** (Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia)



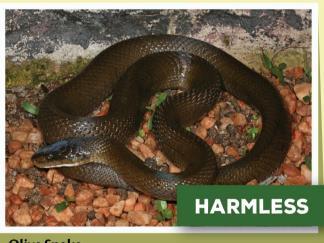




**Green Water Snake** (Philothamnus hoplogaster)

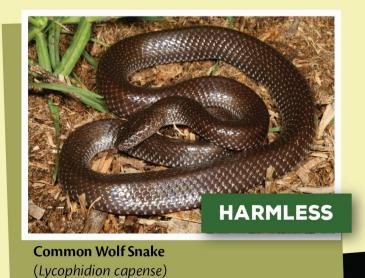


**Brown House Snake** (Boaedon capensis)



Olive Snake (Lycodonomorphus inornatus)







Southern Brown Egg-eater (Dasypeltis inornata)





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