

# COMMON SNAKES OF PILANESBERG NATIONAL PARK



There are around 22 snake species in the Pilanesberg area. Eight are harmless, another eight can deliver a painful bite and six are considered highly venomous.

## 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**

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



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

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



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

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



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Striped Skaapsteker**  
(*Psammophylax tritaeniatus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Common Purple-glossed Snake**  
(*Amblyodipsas polylepis*)



**VENOMOUS**

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



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

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



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

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



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Yellow-bellied Sand Snake**  
(*Psammophis subtaeniatus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Dwarf Sand Snake**  
(*Psammophis angolensis*) - photo Ashley Kemp



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

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



**HARMLESS**

**Common File Snake**  
(*Limaformosus capensis*)



**HARMLESS**

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



**CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE**

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



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

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



**HARMLESS**

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



**HARMLESS**

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



**HARMLESS**

**Common Egg-eater**  
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



**HARMLESS**

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

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