

# COMMON SNAKES OF KLASERIE NATURE RESERVE



Klaserie Nature Reserve has around sixty-eight different types of snakes. Six species are highly venomous, while six others can inflict a rather painful bites. Twenty species are considered mildly venomous. Thirty-six 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**

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



**HIGHLY  
VENOMOUS**

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



**HIGHLY  
VENOMOUS**

**Boomslang - female**  
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY  
VENOMOUS**

**Southern Vine Snake**  
(*Thelotornis capensis*)



**HIGHLY  
VENOMOUS**

**Spouted Cobra**  
(*Naja annulifera*)



**HIGHLY  
VENOMOUS**

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



**VENOMOUS**

**Intermediate Shield-nose Snake**  
(*Aspidelaps scutatus intermedius*)



**VENOMOUS**

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



**VENOMOUS**

**Spouted Night Adder**  
(*Causus defilippi*)



**MILDLY  
VENOMOUS**

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



**CAN INFLICT A  
PAINFUL BITE**

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



**MILDLY  
VENOMOUS**

**Olive Grass Snake**  
(*Psammophis mossambicus*)



**MILDLY  
VENOMOUS**

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



**MILDLY  
VENOMOUS**

**Striped Skaapsteker**  
(*Psammophylax triaenatus*)



**MILDLY  
VENOMOUS**

**Reticulated Centipede-eater**  
(*Aparallactus lunulatus*)



**HARMLESS**

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



**HARMLESS**

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



**HARMLESS**

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



**HARMLESS**

**Schlegel's Blind Snake**  
(*Afrotrophops schlegelii*)

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