

COMMON SNAKES AND SCORPIONS OF KENHARDT



Kenhardt has around 17 species of snakes and six scorpions. Three snakes and one scorpion are considered highly venomous. Two snakes and two scorpions can give a bad bite or sting. The rest are harmless or only mildly venomous.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS	VENOMOUS	MILDLY VENOMOUS	HARMLESS
Has caused human fatalities	Painful bite/sting, but does not require antivenom	Not thought to be harmful to humans	Not dangerous to humans



Cape Cobra
(*Naja nivea*)

HIGHLY VENOMOUS



Black Spitting Cobra
(*Naja nigricincta woodi*)

HIGHLY VENOMOUS



Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)

HIGHLY VENOMOUS



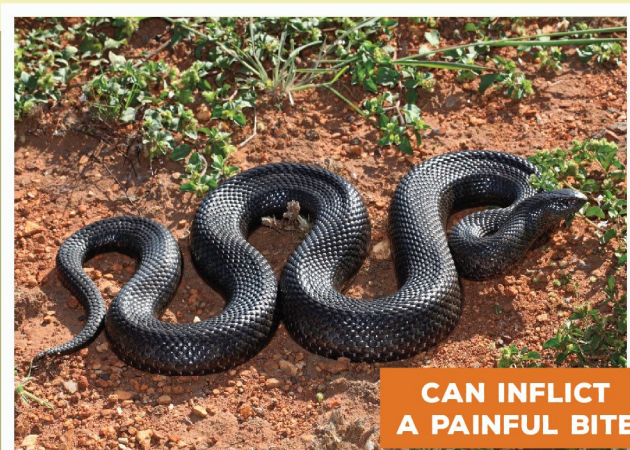
Cape Coral Snake
(*Aspidelaps lubricus*)

VENOMOUS



Horned Adder
(*Bitis caudalis*)

VENOMOUS



Mole Snake - adult
(*Pseudaspis cana*)

CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE



Beetz's Tiger Snake
(*Telescopus beetzii*)

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Dwarf Beaked Snake
(*Dipsina multimaculata*)

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Karoo Sand Snake
(*Psammophis notostictus*)

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Fork-marked Sand Snake
(*Psammophis trinasalis*)

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)

HARMLESS



Bug-eyed House Snake
(*Boaedon mentalis*)

HARMLESS



Schinz's Beaked Blind Snake
(*Rhinocephalus schinzi*)

HARMLESS



Common Lesser-thicktail Scorpion
(*Uroplectes carinatus*) - Photo Luke Kemp

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Schlechter's Thicktail Scorpion
(*Parabuthus schlechteri*) - Photo Luke Kemp

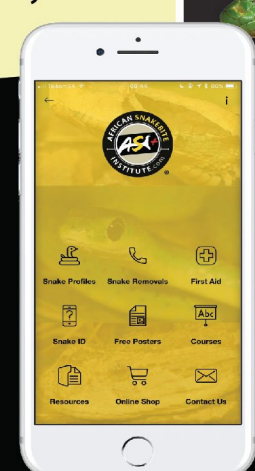
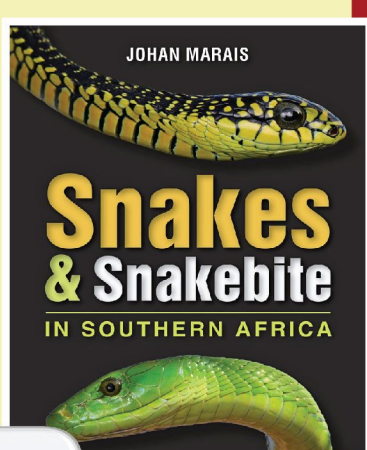
VENOMOUS



Rough Thicktail Scorpion
(*Parabuthus granulatus*) - Photo Luke Kemp

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

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EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

IN THE EVENT OF A SNAKE BITE

- 1 Keep the victim calm, immobilized and transport the victim to the closest hospital **without delay**.
- 2 If the victim stops breathing, resort to artificial respiration or make use of a Bag Valve Mask.
- 3 Call the Poison Information Centre help-line for further advice: 0861 555 777.

DO NOT

- ... apply a tourniquet.
- ... cut and suck the wound.
- ... use ice or very hot water.
- ... give the victim alcohol.
- ... apply electric shock.
- ... inject antivenom randomly. Antivenom (if required) must be administered by a doctor in a hospital environment.

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