

COMMON SNAKES OF ST LUCIA



St Lucia has around twenty eight species of snakes. Five species are highly venomous and another one can give a bad bite that might require some stitches. Eight species are mildly venomous. The rest of the species 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

Green Mamba
(*Dendroaspis angusticeps*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Brown Forest Cobra
(*Naja subfulva*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Southern Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis capensis*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Gaboon Adder
(*Bitis gabonica*)



CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

Southern African Python
(*Python natalensis*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Olive Grass Snake
(*Psammophis mossambicus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Marbled Tree Snake
(*Dipsadoboa aulica*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Common Purple-glossed Snake
(*Amblyodipsas polylepis*)



HARMLESS

Eastern Natal Green Snake
(*Philothamnus natalensis*)



HARMLESS

Green Water Snake
(*Philothamnus hoplogaster*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

East African Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis medici*)



HARMLESS

Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



HARMLESS

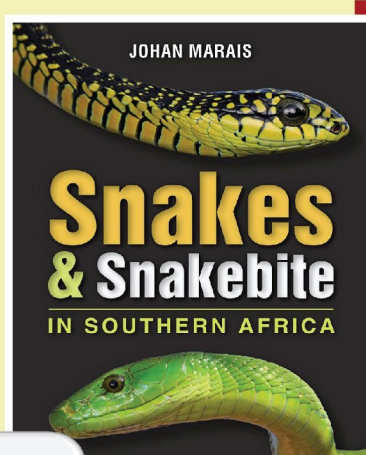
Variegated Slug-eater
(*Duberria variegata*)



HARMLESS

Jan's Shovel-snout
(*Prosymna jani*)

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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.

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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