

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**

Snouted 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

Snouted Night Adder
(*Causus defilippi*)



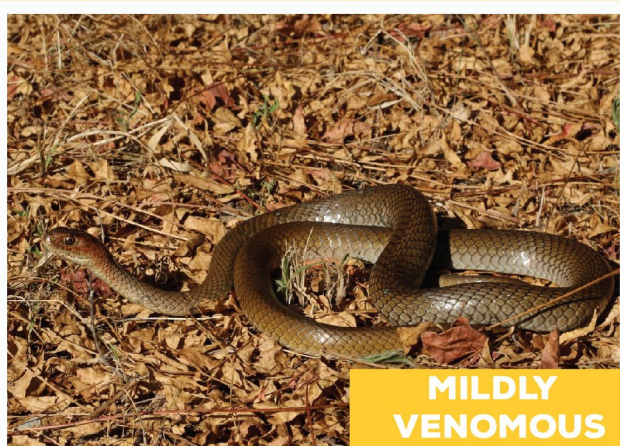
**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

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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