COMMON SNAKES OF

THORNYBUSH NATURE RESERVE



Thornybush 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**

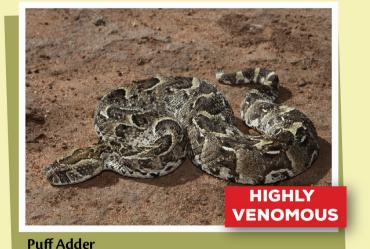
Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

MILDLY **VENOMOUS**

Not thought to be harmful **HARMLESS**

Not dangerous to humans





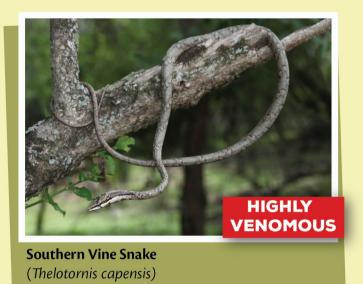
(Bitis arietans)

(Naja annulifera)

(Causus defilippi)















(Atractaspis bibronii)

Olive Grass Snake

(Psammophis mossambicus)







VENOMOUS



VENOMOUS Striped Skaapsteker

(Psammophylax tritaeniatus)

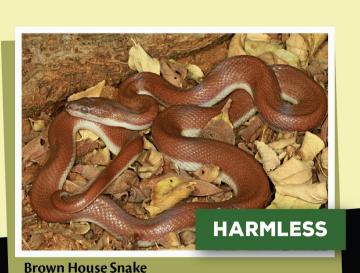


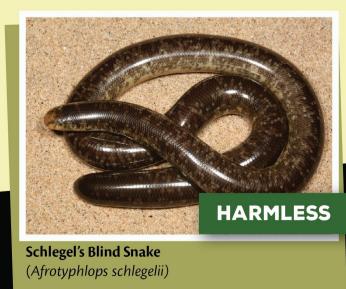
quality snake handling and safety equipment in Africa.

HARMLESS

Western Yellow-bellied Sand Snake

(Psammophis subtaeniatus)





Common Egg-eater (Dasypeltis scabra)



Spotted Bush Snake (Philothamnus semivariegatus) - photo Luke Kemp

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