

COMMON SNAKES OF HOEDSPRUIT



Hoedspruit has around 35 different species of snakes. Six species are considered highly venomous while four species can inflict a painful bite and one other might require some stitches. Eleven species are mildly venomous and thirteen 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**

Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Southern Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis capensis*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Snouted Cobra
(*Naja annulifera*)



VENOMOUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



VENOMOUS

Snouted Night Adder
(*Causus defilippii*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)



**CAN INFLICT A
NASTY BITE**

Southern African Python
(*Python natalensis*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Eastern Tiger Snake
(*Telescopus semiannulatus*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Olive Grass Snake
(*Psammophis mossambicus*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

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



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Eastern Bark Snake
(*Hemirhagerrhis nototaenia*)



HARMLESS

Spotted Bush Snake
(*Philothamnus semivariegatus*) - Photo: Luke Kemp



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

Common Wolf Snake
(*Lycophidion capense*)



HARMLESS

Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



HARMLESS

East-African Shovel-snout
(*Prosymna stuhlmanni*)



HARMLESS

Schlegel's Blind Snake
(*Afrotyphlops schlegelii*)

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