

# COMMON SNAKES OF MAUN



Maun has around 28 species of snakes. Five species are considered potentially deadly. Another six species can give a bad bite. The majority of snakes in the area are mildly venomous or 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**

**Anchieta's Cobra**  
(*Naja anchietae*)



**HIGHLY  
VENOMOUS**

**Mozambique Spitting Cobra**  
(*Naja mossambica*)



**VENOMOUS**

**Bibron's Stiletto Snake**  
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



**VENOMOUS**

**Speckled Shield-nose Snake**  
(*Aspidelaps s. scutatus*)



**VENOMOUS**

**Common Night Adder**  
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



**HIGHLY  
VENOMOUS**

**Puff Adder**  
(*Bitis arietans*)



**VENOMOUS**

**Boulenger's Garter Snake**  
(*Elapsoidea boulengeri*)



**VENOMOUS**

**Boulenger's Garter Snake - juvenile**  
(*Elapsoidea boulengeri*)



**MILDLY  
VENOMOUS**

**Olive Grass Snake**  
(*Psammophis mossambicus*)



**MILDLY  
VENOMOUS**

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



**CAN INFLICT A  
NASTY BITE**

**Mole Snake**  
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



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NASTY BITE**

**Southern African Python**  
(*Python natalensis*)



**MILDLY  
VENOMOUS**

**Eastern Tiger Snake**  
(*Telescopus semiannulatus*)



**MILDLY  
VENOMOUS**

**Common Purple-glossed Snake**  
(*Amblyodipsas polylepis*)



**HARMLESS**

**Mole Snake - juvenile**  
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



**HARMLESS**

**Spotted Bush Snake**  
(*Philothamnus semivariegatus*) - photo Luke Kemp



**HARMLESS**

**Common Wolf Snake**  
(*Lycophidion capense*)



**HARMLESS**

**Common Egg-eater**  
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)

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