

COMMON SNAKES OF CAPE TOWN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



Cape Town International Airport has around twenty six species of snakes. Five species are considered highly venomous. Three species can give a bad bite. Seven species are mildly venomous and another eleven species are harmless to humans.



Cape Cobra
(*Naja nivea*)

HIGHLY VENOMOUS



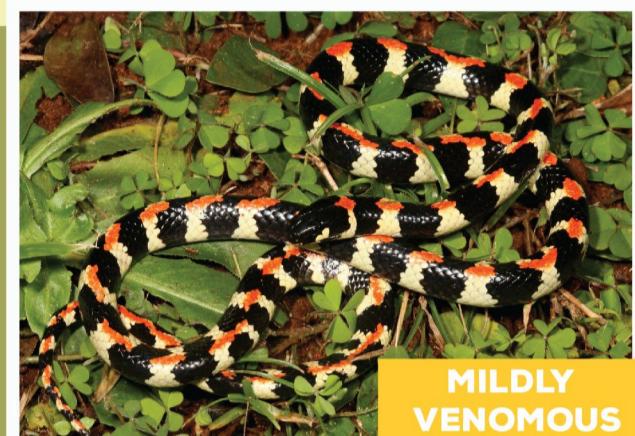
Boomslang
(*Dispholidus typus*)

HIGHLY VENOMOUS



Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)

HIGHLY VENOMOUS



Spotted Harlequin Snake
(*Homoroselaps lacteus*)

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Spotted Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax rhombatus*)

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Cross-marked Grass Snake
(*Psammophis crucifer*)

MILDLY VENOMOUS



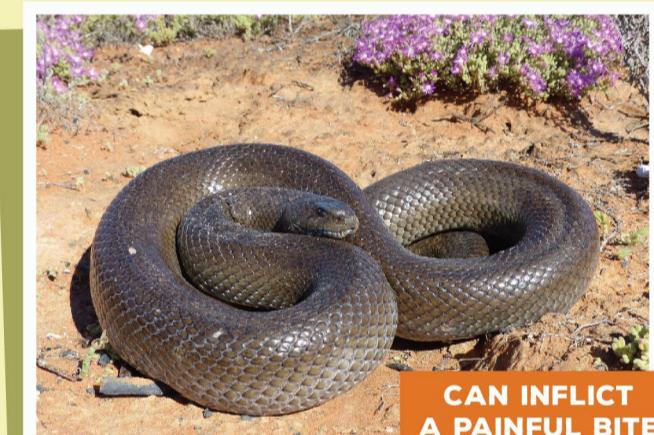
Karoo Sand Snake
(*Psammophis notostictus*)

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)

MILDLY VENOMOUS



Mole Snake - adult
(*Pseudaspis cana*)

CAN INFILCT
A PAINFUL BITE



Mole Snake - juvenile
(*Pseudaspis cana*)

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Olive Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus inornatus*)

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Brown Water Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*)

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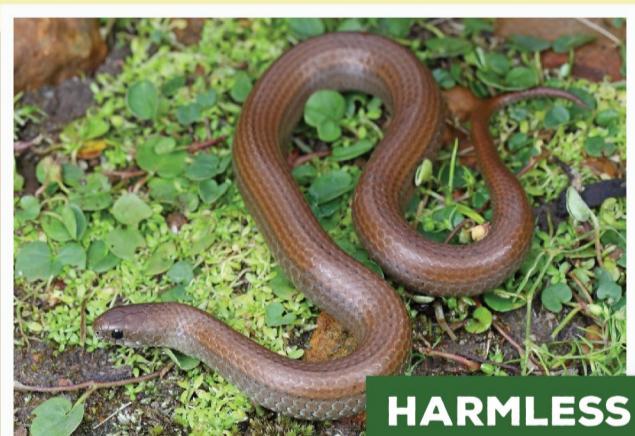
Aurora House Snake
(*Lamprophis aurora*)

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Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)

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Common Slug-eater
(*Duberria lutrix*) - photo Luke Kemp

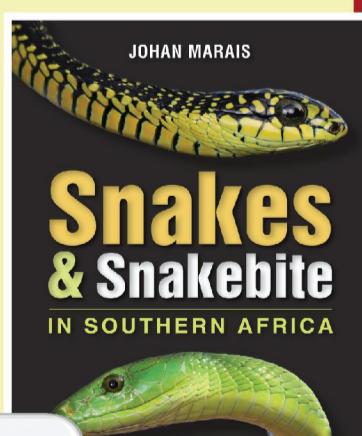
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Flowerpot Snake
(*Indotyphlops braminus*)

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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.