

# COMMON SNAKES OF GEORGE AIRPORT



George Airport has around twenty five species of snakes. Four species are considered highly venomous. Three species can give a bad bite. Six species are mildly venomous and the rest 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 to humans

## HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Cape Cobra**  
(*Naja nivea*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Rinkhals**  
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Boomslang - male**  
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Boomslang - female**  
(*Dispholidus typus*)



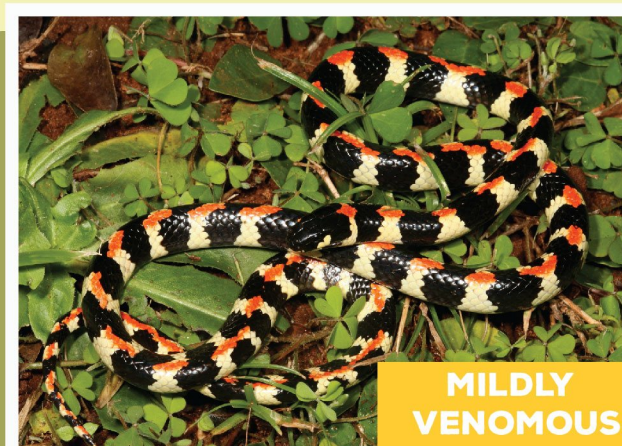
**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

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



**VENOMOUS**

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



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Spotted Harlequin Snake**  
(*Homoroselaps lacteus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Herald Snake**  
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Spotted Skaapsteker**  
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Cross-marked Grass Snake**  
(*Psammophis crucifer*)



**HARMLESS**

**Brown House Snake**  
(*Boaedon capensis*)



**HARMLESS**

**Western Natal Green Snake**  
(*Philothamnus occidentalis*)



**HARMLESS**

**Olive Snake**  
(*Lycodonormorphus inornatus*)



**HARMLESS**

**Brown Water Snake**  
(*Lycodonormorphus rufulus*)



**HARMLESS**

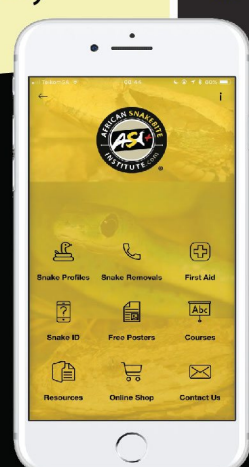
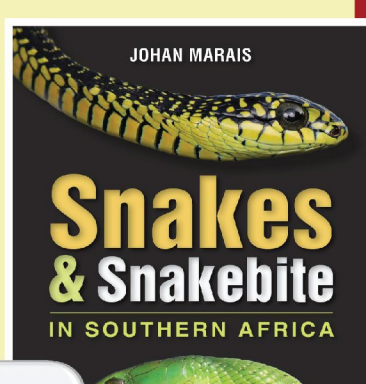
**Common Egg-eater**  
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



**HARMLESS**

**Common Slug-eater**  
(*Dubertia lutrix*)

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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.