

# COMMON SNAKES OF KIMBERLEY



Kimberley has around 22 species of snakes. Three species are considered highly venomous. Three species can give a bad bite. Six species are mildly venomous and another nine species 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

Boomslang - male  
(*Dispholidus typus*)



## HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang - female  
(*Dispholidus typus*)



## HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder  
(*Bitis arietans*)



## VENOMOUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake  
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



## CAN INFILCT A PAINFUL BITE

Mole Snake - adult  
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



## MILDLY VENOMOUS

Fork-marked Sand Snake  
(*Psammophis trinacris*)



## MILDLY VENOMOUS

Short-snouted Grass Snake  
(*Psammophis brevirostris*)



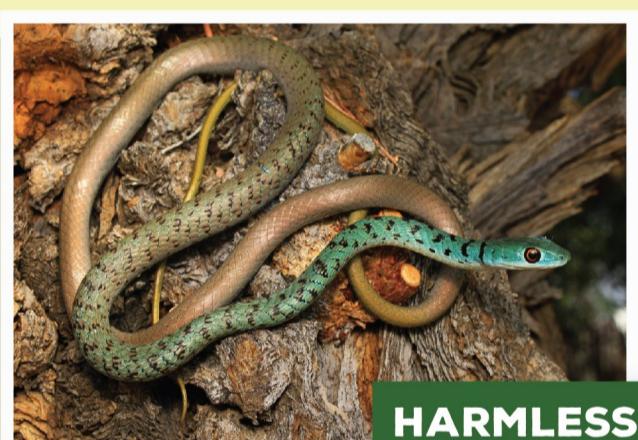
## MILDLY VENOMOUS

Striped Skaapsteker  
(*Psammophylax tritaeniatus*)



## MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake  
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*) - Photo Luke Kemp



## HARMLESS

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



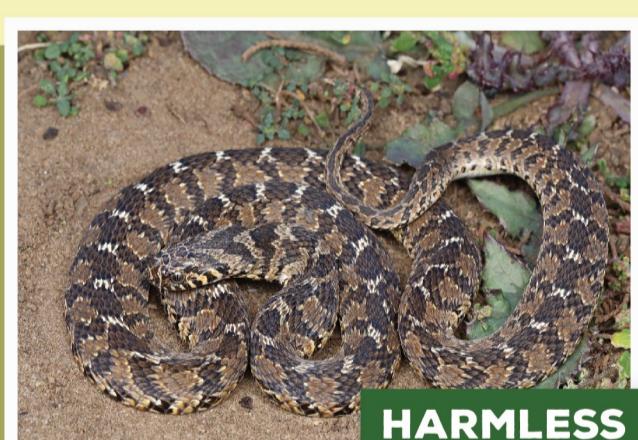
## HARMLESS

Aurora House Snake  
(*Lamprophis aurora*)



## HARMLESS

Brown House Snake  
(*Boaedon capensis*)



## HARMLESS

Common Egg-eater  
(*Dasypeltis scabra*) - Photo Luke Kemp



## HARMLESS

Common Wolf Snake  
(*Lycophidion capense*) - Photo Luke Kemp



## HARMLESS

Delalande's Beaked Blind Snake  
(*Rhinotyphlops lalandei*) - Photo Luke Kemp

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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.
- 3 Call the Poison Information Centre help-line for further advice: 0861 555 777.

### 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.