

COMMON SNAKES OF NELSPRUIT AIRPORT



There are around 30 snake species recorded around Nelspruit Airport. The majority of these snakes are harmless or mildly venomous. This poster contains the medically important and common snakes of the area.

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

Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Snouted Cobra
(*Naja annulifera*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang
(*Dispholidus typus*)



VENOMOUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



VENOMOUS

Common Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



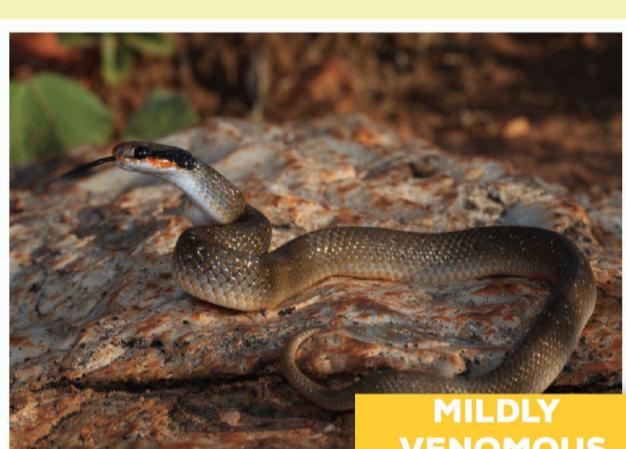
HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Southern Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis capensis*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



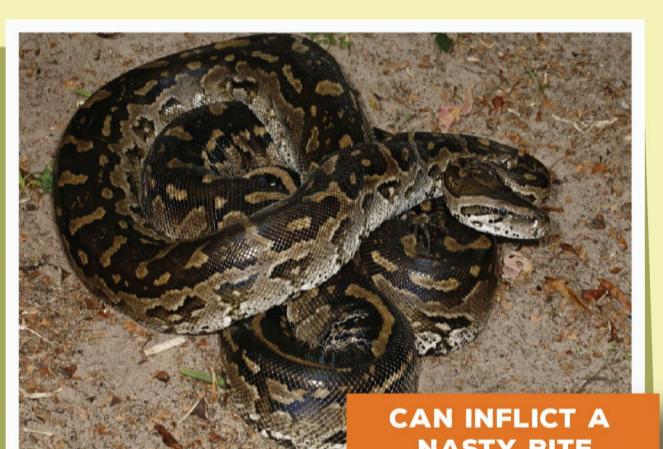
MILDLY VENOMOUS

Short-snouted Grass Snake
(*Psammophis brevirostris*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Black-headed Centipede-eater
(*Aparallactus capensis*)



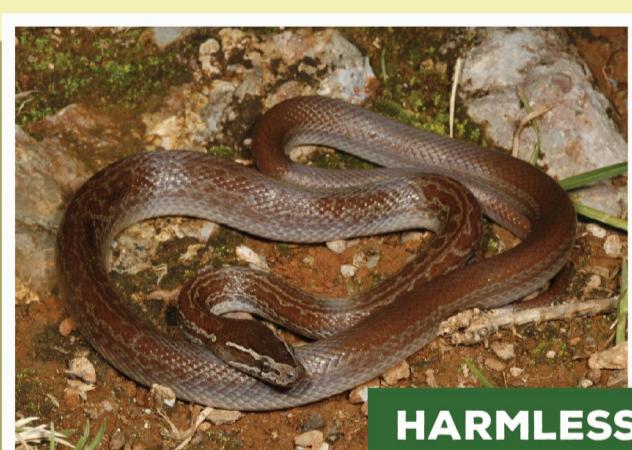
CAN INFILCT A NASTY BITE

Southern African Python
(*Python natalensis*)



HARMLESS

Common Wolf Snake
(*Lycophidion capense*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

Spotted Bush Snake
(*Philothamnus semivariegatus*)



HARMLESS

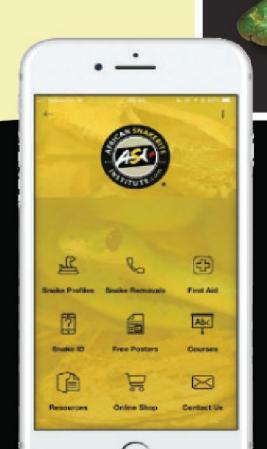
Green Water Snake
(*Philothamnus hoplogaster*)

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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.