

COMMON SNAKES OF O.R. TAMBO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT



O.R. Tambo International Airport has around nineteen different species of snakes. One species is considered highly venomous. Another four may give a bad bite but are not life-threatening. Five are considered mildly venomous and the rest are completely harmless to humans.

HIGHLY VENOMOUS

VENOMOUS

MILDLY VENOMOUS

HARMLESS

Has caused human fatalities

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

Not thought to be harmful to humans

Not dangerous to humans



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Rinkhals
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



VENOMOUS

Common Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



VENOMOUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



CAN INFILCT A PAINFUL BITE

Mole Snake
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

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



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Cross-marked Grass Snake
(*Psammophis crucifer*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Short-snouted Grass Snake
(*Psammophis brevirostris*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*)



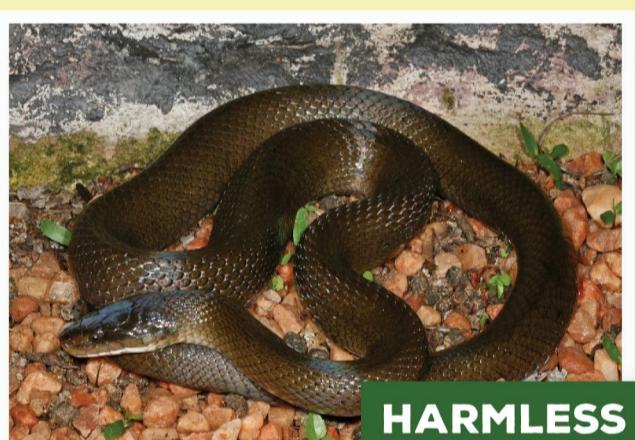
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Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



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Brown Water Snake
(*Lycodonromphus rufulus*)



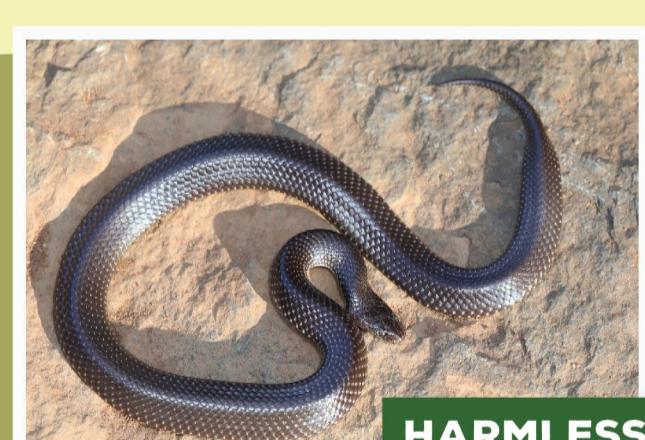
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Olive Snake
(*Lycodonromphus inornatus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



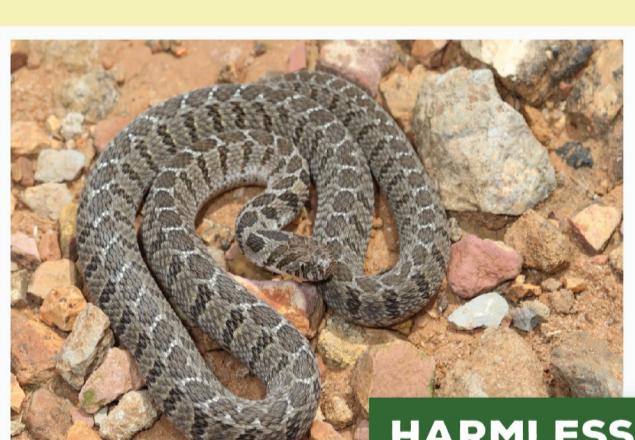
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Common Wolf Snake
(*Lycophidion capense*)



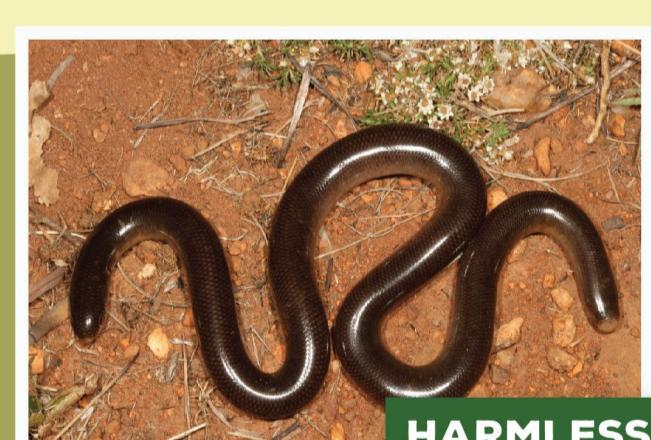
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Aurora House Snake
(*Lampropis aurora*)



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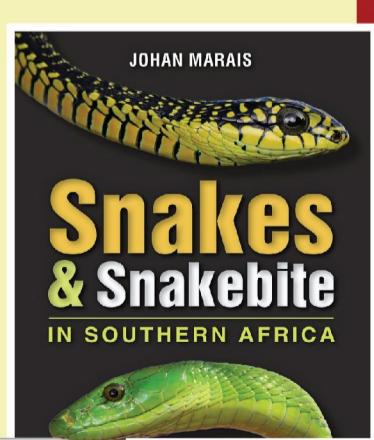
Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



HARMLESS

Bibron's Blind Snake
(*Afrotyphlops bibronii*)

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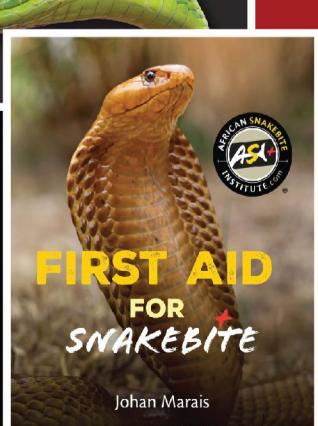


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EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

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.