

COMMON SNAKES OF NKHOTAKOTA WILDLIFE RESERVE



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Has caused human fatalities

VENOMOUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

MILDLY VENOMOUS

Not thought to be harmful

HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



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Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)



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Black-necked Spitting Cobra
(*Naja nigricollis*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang
(*Dispholidus typus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



VENOMOUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

Southern African Python
(*Python natalensis*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Eastern Stripe-bellied Sand Snake
(*Psammodon orientalis*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Olive Grass Snake
(*Psammodon mossambicus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Eastern Tiger Snake
(*Telescopus semiannulatus*)



HARMLESS

Spotted Bush Snake
(*Philothamnus semivariegatus*)



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Green Water Snake
(*Philothamnus hoplogaster*)



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East African Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis medici*)



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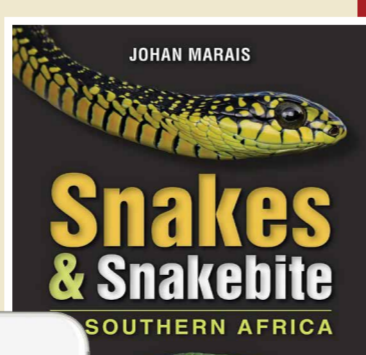
Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

Zambezi Blind Snake
(*Afrotyphlops dinga*)

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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 African Snakebite Institute help-line for further advice: +27 82 494 2039.

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.