

# COMMON SNAKES OF W NATIONAL PARK



**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**

**West African Carpet Viper**  
(*Echis ocellatus*)



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

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



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Savanna Forest Cobra**  
(*Naja savannula*) - photo Luke Verburgt



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Black-necked Spitting Cobra**  
(*Naja nigricollis*) - photo Luke Verburgt



**HIGHLY VENOMOUS**

**Katian Spitting Cobra**  
(*Naja katiensis*) - photo Stephen Spawls



**VENOMOUS**

**Spotted Night Adder**  
(*Causus maculatus*)



**VENOMOUS**

**Angolan Garter Snake**  
(*Elapsoidea semiannulata*) - photo Werner Conradie



**CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE**

**African Rock Python**  
(*Python sebae*) - photo Luke Kemp



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Olive Sand Snake**  
(*Psammophis phillipsii*) - photo Luke Verburgt



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Elegant Sand Snake**  
(*Psammophis elegans*) - photo Tim Brammer



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Variagated Tiger Snake**  
(*Telescopus variegatus*) - photo Gerald Dunger



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

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



**HARMLESS**

**Ball Python**  
(*Python regius*) - photo Luke Kemp



**HARMLESS**

**Common Bush Snake**  
(*Philothamnus irregularis*)



**HARMLESS**

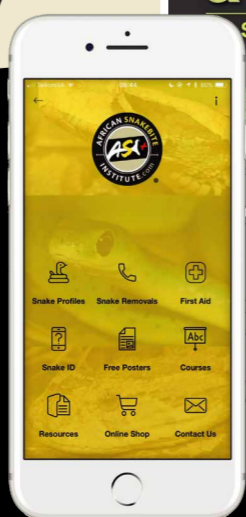
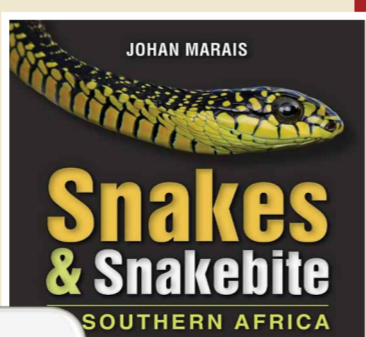
**Striped House Snake**  
(*Boaedon lineatus*) - photo Luke Verburgt



**HARMLESS**

**Egg-eater**  
(*Dasypeltis* spp.) - photo Stephen Spawls

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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.