

COMMON SNAKES OF THE NORTH WEST



The North West has 49 different types of snakes. Eight species are highly venomous. Six species are venomous and two can give a painful bite. Eleven are mildly venomous and 22 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

HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Cape Cobra
(*Naja nivea*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Snouted Cobra
(*Naja annulifera*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*) - photo Sake van Wyk



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Rinkhals
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang
(*Dispholidus typus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*) - photo Sake van Wyk



VENOMOUS

Common Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*) - photo Sake van Wyk



VENOMOUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*) - photo Sake van Wyk



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Short-snouted Grass Snake
(*Psammophis brevirostris*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Western Yellow-bellied Sand Snake
(*Psammophis subtaeniatus*) - photo Sake van Wyk



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Striped Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax tritaeniatus*) - photo Sake van Wyk



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*) - photo Sake van Wyk



CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

Southern African Python
(*Python natalensis*) - photo Sake van Wyk



CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

Mole Snake
(*Pseudaspis cana*) - photo Sake van Wyk



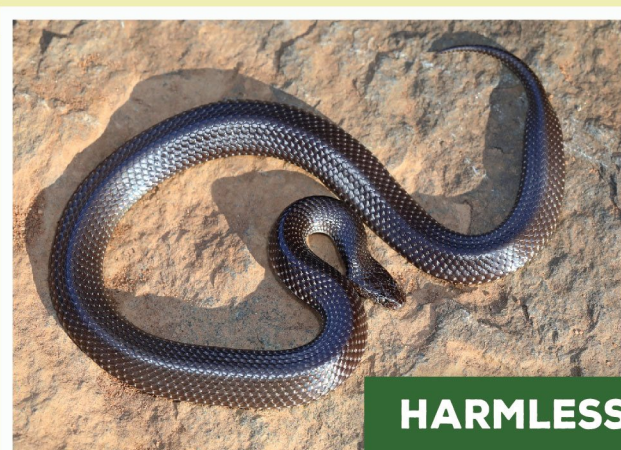
HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*) - photo Sake van Wyk



HARMLESS

Spotted Bush Snake
(*Philothamnus semivariegatus*) - photo Sake van Wyk



HARMLESS

Common Wolf Snake
(*Lycophidion capense*)



HARMLESS

Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



HARMLESS

Bibron's Blind Snake
(*Afrotrophops bibronii*)

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