

COMMON SCORPIONS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA



**HIGHLY
VENOMOUS**

Has caused human fatalities

VENOMOUS

May be life threatening to small children and animals

**MILDLY
VENOMOUS**

Painful sting, but not thought to be harmful



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Rough Thicktail Scorpion
(*Parabuthus granulatus*) - Photo: Luke Kemp



**HIGHLY
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Transvaal Thicktail Scorpion
(*Parabuthus transvaalicus*) - Photo: Luke Kemp



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Kalahari Thicktail Scorpion
(*Parabuthus raudus*) - Photo: Luke Kemp



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Cape Thicktail Scorpion
(*Parabuthus capensis*) - Photo: Luke Kemp



VENOMOUS

Drab Thicktail Scorpion
(*Parabuthus planicauda*) - Photo: Luke Kemp



VENOMOUS

Eastern Nomad
(*Hottentotta trilineatus*) - Photo: Luke Kemp



**MILDLY
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Common Lesser-thicktail Scorpion
(*Uroplectes carinatus*) - Photo: Sake van Wyk



**MILDLY
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Highveld Lesser-thicktail Scorpion
(*Uroplectes triangulifer*)



**MILDLY
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Striped Lesser-thicktail Scorpion
(*Uroplectes lineatus*)



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Eastern Bark Scorpion
(*Uroplectes vittatus*) - Photo: Luke Kemp



**MILDLY
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Plain Pygmy-thicktail Scorpion
(*Pseudolychas ochraceus*) - Photo: Luke Kemp



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Rough Burrower
(*Opisthophthalmus glabifrons*)



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Cape Burrower
(*Opisthophthalmus capensis*) - Photo: Luke Kemp



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Kalahari Burrower
(*Opisthophthalmus wahlbergii*) - Photo: Luke Kemp



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Karoo Burrower
(*Opisthophthalmus karrooensis*) - Photo: Luke Kemp



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Jones's Creeper
(*Cheloctonus jonesii*) - Photo: Luke Kemp



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Cape Creeper
(*Cheloctonus capensis*) - Photo: Luke Kemp



**MILDLY
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Tree Creeper
(*Cheloctonus asper*) - Photo: Luke Kemp



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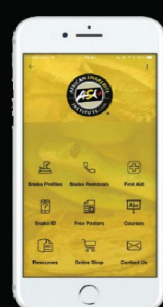
Drakensburg Creeper
(*Cheloctonus validus*) - Photo: Luke Kemp



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Giant Rock Scorpion
(*Hadogenes troglodytes*)

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EMERGENCY PROTOCOL

STINGS FROM HIGHLY VENOMOUS AND VENOMOUS SCORPIONS MUST BE TREATED AS A MEDICAL EMERGENCY.

IN THE EVENT OF A SCORPION STING

- 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.