

COMMON SNAKES OF KLERKSDORP



There are around 27 snake species in the Klerksdorp area. Fourteen are harmless, nine can deliver a painful bite and four are considered highly venomous.

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

Cape Cobra
(*Naja nivea*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Rinkhals - adult
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Rinkhals - juvenile
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*)



VENOMOUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*) - photo Marius Burger



VENOMOUS

Common Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Striped Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax triaenatus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Short-snouted Grass Snake
(*Psammophis brevirostris*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

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



CAN INFLECT A PAINFUL BITE

Mole Snake - adult
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



HARMLESS

Mole Snake - juvenile
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



HARMLESS

Aurora House Snake
(*Lamprophis aurora*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

Common Wolf Snake
(*Lycophidion capense*)



HARMLESS

Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



HARMLESS

Brown Water Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*)



HARMLESS

Delalande's Beaked Blind Snake
(*Rhinotyphlops lalandei*)

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