

COMMON SNAKES OF GREYTON



Greyton has twenty two species of snakes recorded for the area. Three species are highly venomous. A further two species can give a nasty bite that may require medical attention. Seven species are only mildly venomous and pose little threat to humans. Eleven 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 to humans

HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Cape Cobra
Naja nivea



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang - male
Dispholidus typus



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
Bitis arietans



VENOMOUS

Berg Adder
Bitis atropos



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Skaapsteker
Psammophylax rhombeatus



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake
Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia



CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

Mole Snake
Pseudaspis cana



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Harlequin Snake
Homoroselaps lacteus



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Karoo Sand Snake
Psammophis notostictus



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Cross-marked Grass Snake
Psammophis crucifer



HARMLESS

Brown Water Snake
Lycodonomorphus rufulus



HARMLESS

Olive Snake
Lycodonomorphus inornatus



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
Boaedon capensis



HARMLESS

Aurora House Snake
Lamprophis aurora



HARMLESS

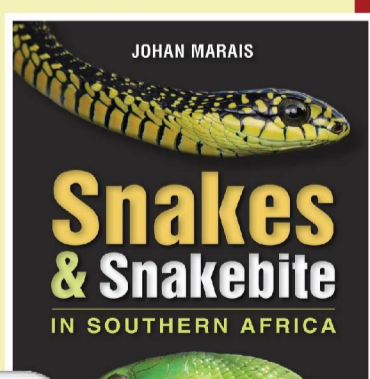
Common Egg-eater
Dasypeltis scabra



HARMLESS

Common Slug-eater
Duberria lutrix

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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 Poison Information Centre help-line for further advice: 0861 555 777.

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.