COMMON SNAKES OF DURBAN



Durban has around forty five different types of snakes. Six species are highly venomous, while four others can inflict a rather painful bites. Eight species are considered mildly venomous. The majority 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



(Dendroaspis polylepis)

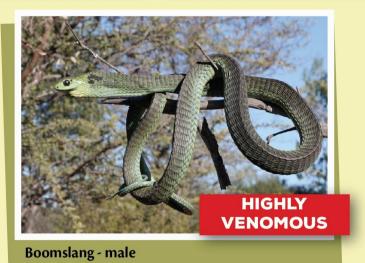


(Dendroaspis angusticeps)

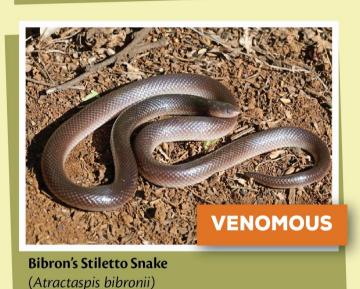
(Causus rhombeatus)



(Naja mossambica)

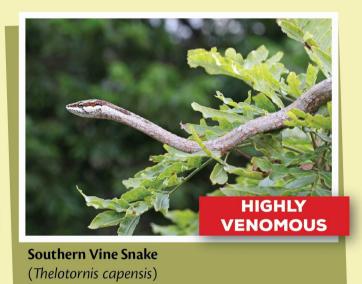


(Dispholidus typus)







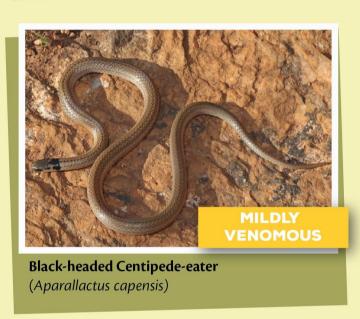




(Macrelaps microlepidotus)







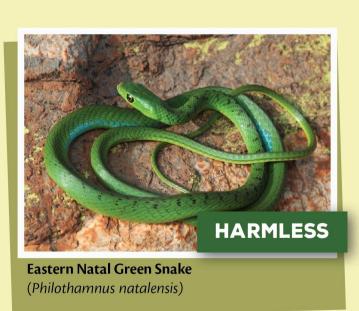




(Philothamnus hoplogaster)

(Lycodonomorphus rufulus)

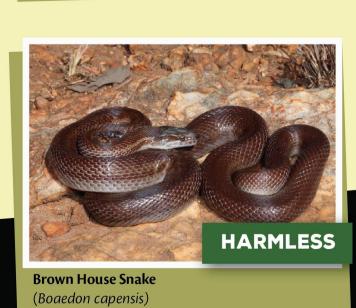




(Philothamnus semivariegatus) - photo Luke Kemp



HARMLESS



Southern Brown Egg-eater (Dasypeltis inornata)



Spotted Rock Snake (Lamprophis guttatus)

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