

COMMON SNAKES OF GROBLERSDAL



Groblersdal has around thirty one species of snakes. Five species are considered highly venomous. Five species can give a bad bite. Seven species are mildly venomous and fourteen are non-venomous and 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

Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Snouted Cobra
(*Naja annulifera*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang
(*Dispholidus typus*)



VENOMOUS

Snouted Night Adder
(*Causus defilippii*)



VENOMOUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Western Yellow-bellied Sand Snake
(*Psammophis subtaeniatus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Short-snouted Grass Snake
(*Psammophis brevirostris*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Eastern Tiger Snake
(*Telescopus semiannulatus*)



CAN INFLICT A NASTY BITE

Southern Africa Python
(*Python natalensis*)



HARMLESS

Spotted Bush Snake
(*Philothamnus semivariatus*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

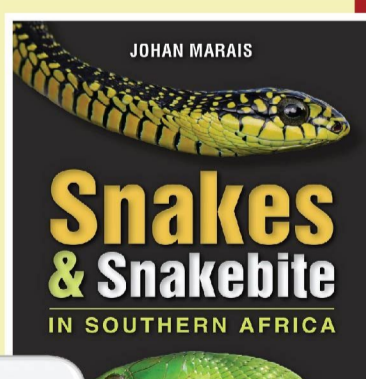
Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



HARMLESS

Common Wolf Snake
(*Lycophidion capense*)

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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.

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