

COMMON SNAKES OF BALTIMORE



Baltimore has around 31 species of snakes. Six species are considered highly venomous. Four species can give a bad bite while two others may require stitches. Nine species are mildly venomous. Ten 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

HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Snouted Cobra
(*Naja annulifera*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Snouted Cobra - Banded form
(*Naja annulifera*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)



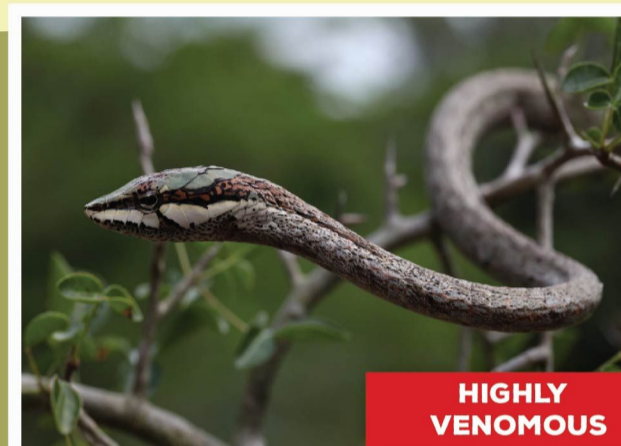
HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang - female
(*Dispholidus typus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Southern Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis capensis*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



VENOMOUS

Speckled Shield-nose Snake
(*Aspidelaps s. scutatus*)



VENOMOUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

Southern African Python
(*Python natalensis*)



CAN INFLICT A PAINFUL BITE

Mole Snake
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Short-snouted Grass Snake
(*Psammophis brevirostris*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

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



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Eastern Tiger Snake
(*Telescopus semiannulatus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Striped Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax tritaeniatus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



HARMLESS

Spotted Bush Snake
(*Philothamnus semivariiegatus*) - photo Luke Kemp



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)

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