

COMMON SNAKES OF WAPADRAND



Wapadrans has around 30 species of snakes recorded. Five species are considered highly venomous and another five are venomous. One species can inflict a painful bite that might need stitches. Six species are mildly venomous. The rest of the species are harmless and pose no threat 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

Snouted Cobra
(*Naja annulifera*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Rinkhals
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



VENOMOUS

Common Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

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



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Short-snouted Grass Snake
(*Psammophis brevirostris*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



CAN INFLECT A PAINFUL BITE

Mole Snake
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

Aurora House Snake
(*Lamprophis aurora*)



HARMLESS

Spotted Bush Snake
(*Philothamnus semivariatus*) - Photo: Luke Kemp



HARMLESS

Brown Water Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*)



HARMLESS

Common Wolf Snake
(*Lycophidion capense*)



HARMLESS

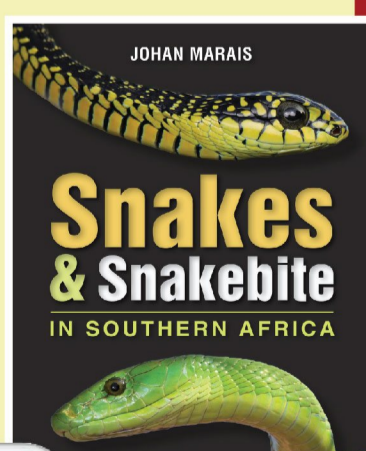
Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



HARMLESS

Bibron's Blind Snake
(*Afrotyphlops bibronii*)

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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 helpline 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.