

COMMON SNAKES OF WINDHOEK



There are around 32 snake species recorded for Windhoek. The majority of these snakes are harmless or mildly venomous. This poster contains the medically important and common snakes of the area.

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

Anchieta's Cobra
(*Naja anchietae*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Zebra Cobra
(*Naja nigricincta nigricincta*)



VENOMOUS

Kunene Coral Snake
(*Aspidelaps lubricus cowlesi*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Boomslang - female
(*Dispholidus typus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



VENOMOUS

Horned Adder
(*Bitis caudalis*)



VENOMOUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



VENOMOUS

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



CAN INFLECT A PAINFUL BITE

Southern African Python
(*Python natalensis*)



CAN INFLECT A PAINFUL BITE

Mole Snake
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

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



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

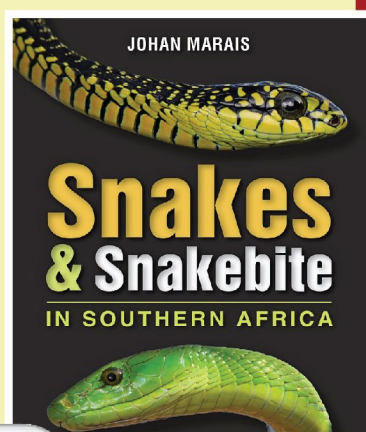
Spotted Bush Snake
(*Philothamnus semivariatus*) - Photo: Luke Kemp



HARMLESS

Common Egg-eater
(*Daspeltis scabra*)

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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.

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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