

COMMON SNAKES OF NELSPRUIT



Nelspruit has around 47 different species of snakes. Six species are considered highly venomous while five species can inflict a painful bite and one other might require some stitches. Twelve species are mildly venomous and twenty three 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

Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Southern Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis capensis*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Snouted Cobra
(*Naja annulifera*)



VENOMOUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



VENOMOUS

Common Night Adder
(*Causus rhombatus*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans*)



HIGHLY VENOMOUS

Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)



CAN INFLECT A NASTY BITE

Southern African Python
(*Python natalensis*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Eastern Tiger Snake
(*Telescopus semiannulatus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Short-snouted Grass Snake
(*Psammophis brevirostris*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

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



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



HARMLESS

Common Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



HARMLESS

Spotted Bush Snake
(*Philothamnus semivariatus*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

Common Wolf Snake
(*Lycophidion capense*)



HARMLESS

Common Slug-eater
(*Duberria lutrix*) - Photo Luke Kemp



HARMLESS

East-African Shovel-snout
(*Prosymna stuhlmanni*)



HARMLESS

Bibron's Blind Snake
(*Afrotyphlops bibronii*)

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