

COMMON SNAKES OF THE DRAKENSBERG



VERY DANGEROUS

Has caused human fatalities

DANGEROUS

Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

MILDLY VENOMOUS

Not thought to be harmful

HARMLESS

Not dangerous to humans



VERY DANGEROUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans arietans*)



DANGEROUS

Berg Adder
(*Bitis atropos*)



DANGEROUS

Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



VERY DANGEROUS

Rinkhals (banded phase)
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Skaapsteker
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Many-spotted Reed Snake
(*Amplorhinus multimaculatus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Cross-marked Grass Snake
(*Psammophis crucifer*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Short-snouted Grass Snake
(*Psammophis brevirostris*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Harlequin Snake
(*Homoroselaps lacteus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald or Red-lipped Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



HARMLESS

Western Natal Green Snake
(*Philothamnus natalensis occidentalis*)



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Green Water Snake
(*Philothamnus hoplogaster*)



CAN INFLICT A NASTY BITE

Mole Snake
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



HARMLESS

Brown Water Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*) Photo Tyrone Ping



HARMLESS

Dusky-bellied Water Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus laevisimus*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



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Aurora House Snake
(*Lamprophis aurora*)



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Rhombic Egg-eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



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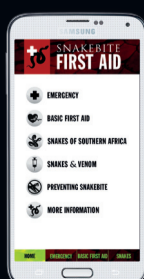
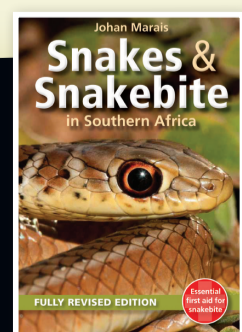
Olive Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus inornatus*)



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Common Slug-eater
(*Duberria lutrix lutrix*)

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