

# COMMON SNAKES OF NELSPRUIT



**VERY DANGEROUS**  
Has caused human fatalities

**DANGEROUS**  
Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

**MILDLY VENOMOUS**  
Does not require hospitalisation

**HARMLESS**  
Not dangerous to humans



**VERY DANGEROUS**

**Black Mamba**  
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

**Boomslang – male**  
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

**Boomslang – female**  
(*Dispholidus typus*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

**Twig Snake**  
(*Thelotornis capensis*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

**Puff Adder**  
(*Bitis arietans*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

**Snouted Cobra**  
(*Naja annulifera*)



**VERY DANGEROUS**

**Mozambique Spitting Cobra**  
(*Naja mossambica*)



**DANGEROUS**

**Stiletto Snake**  
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



**DANGEROUS**

**Rhombic Night Adder**  
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



**CAN INFLICT A NASTY BITE**

**Southern African Python**  
(*Python natalensis*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Olive Grass Snake**  
(*Psammophis mossambicus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

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



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Herald Snake**  
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Eastern Tiger Snake**  
(*Telescopus semiannulatus*)



**MILDLY VENOMOUS**

**Spotted Skaapsteker**  
(*Psammophylax rhombeatus rhombeatus*)



**HARMLESS**

**Spotted Bush Snake**  
(*Philothamnus semivariatus*)



**HARMLESS**

**Brown House Snake**  
(*Boaedon capensis*)



**HARMLESS**

**Rhombic Egg Eater**  
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



**HARMLESS**

**Brown Water Snake**  
(*Lycodonorphus rufulus*)

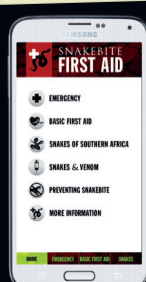
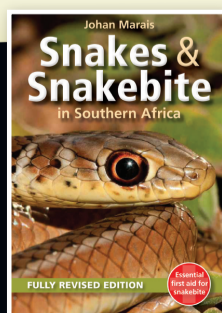


**HARMLESS**

**Bibron's Blind Snake**  
(*Afrotyphlops bibronii*)

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