

COMMON SNAKES OF ZIMBALI

KwaZulu-Natal has eighty-three different types of snakes. Forty-four species are not venomous, while eight can inflict rather painful bites. Eleven species are considered potentially deadly.



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

Southern Green Mamba
(*Dendroaspis angusticeps*)



VERY DANGEROUS

Boomslang - Male
(*Dispholidus typus*)



VERY DANGEROUS

Boomslang - Female
(*Dispholidus typus*)



VERY DANGEROUS

Twig or Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis capensis*)



VERY DANGEROUS

Forest Cobra
(*Naja melanoleuca*)



VERY DANGEROUS

Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambicus*)



DANGEROUS

Rhombic Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



DANGEROUS

Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Herald Snake
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Short Snouted Grass Snake
(*Psammophis brevirostris*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Black-headed Centipede Eater
(*Aparallactus capensis*)



CAN INFLICT A NASTY BITE

Southern African Python
(*Python natalensis*)



HARMLESS

Eastern Natal Green Snake
(*Philothamnus natalensis natalensis*)



HARMLESS

Spotted Bush Snake
(*Philothamnus semivariatus*)



HARMLESS

Green Water Snake
(*Philothamnus hoplogaster*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

Brown Water Snake
(*Lycodonorphus rufulus*)



HARMLESS

Southern Brown Egg Eater
(*Dasypeltis inornata*)



HARMLESS

Common Wolf Snake
(*Lycophidion capense*)

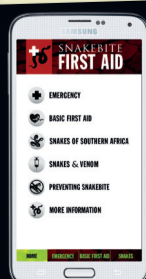
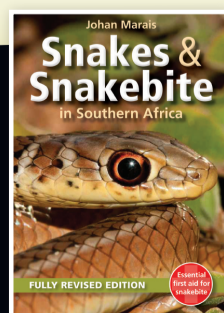


HARMLESS

Peters' Thread Snake
(*Leptotyphlops scutifrons*)

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