

COMMON SNAKES OF POLOKWANE



VERY DANGEROUS | Has caused human fatalities

DANGEROUS | Painful bite, but does not require antivenom

HARMLESS | Not dangerous to humans



VERY DANGEROUS

Black Mamba
(*Dendroaspis polylepis*)



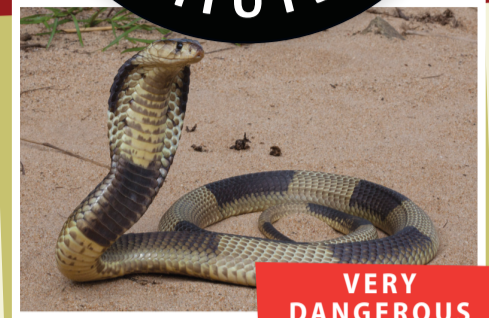
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Mozambique Spitting Cobra
(*Naja mossambica*)



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Snouted Cobra
(*Naja annulifera*)



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Snouted Cobra - banded variety
(*Naja annulifera*)



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Boomslang - male
(*Dispholidus typus viridis*)



VERY DANGEROUS

Boomslang - female
(*Dispholidus typus viridis*) Photo Andre Coetzer



VERY DANGEROUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans arietans*)



DANGEROUS

Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



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Twig or Vine Snake
(*Thelotornis capensis*)



DANGEROUS

Bibron's Stiletto Snake
(*Atractaspis bibronii*) Photo Warren Dick



CAN INFLICT A NASTY BITE

Southern African Python
(*Python natalensis*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

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



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Spotted Bush Snake
(*Philothamnus semivariegatus*)



HARMLESS

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



HARMLESS

Short-snouted Grass Snake
(*Psammophis brevirostris*)



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Striped Skaapstekker
(*Psammophylax tritaeniatus*)



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Common Slug-eater
(*Duberria lutrix lutrix*)



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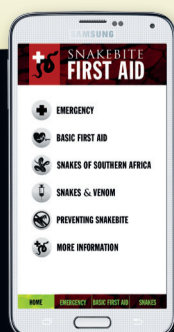
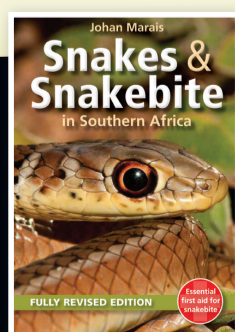
Cape Wolf Snake
(*Lycophilidion capense*)



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Black-headed Centipede-eater
(*Aparallactus capensis*)

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