

COMMON SNAKES OF THE SOUTHERN CAPE (Garden Route and Klein Karoo)



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

Cape Cobra – adult
(*Naja nivea*)



VERY DANGEROUS

Cape Cobra – juvenile
(*Naja nivea*)



VERY DANGEROUS

Cape Boomslang – male
(*Dispholidus typus typus*)



VERY DANGEROUS

Cape Boomslang – female
(*Dispholidus typus typus*)



VERY DANGEROUS

Puff Adder
(*Bitis arietans arietans*)



DANGEROUS

Berg Adder
(*Bitis atropos*)



VERY DANGEROUS

Rinkhals
(*Hemachatus haemachatus*)



DANGEROUS

Coral Shield Cobra
(*Aspidelaps lubricus lubricus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Karoo Sand Snake
(*Psammophis notostictus*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Red-lipped or Herald
(*Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia*)



MILDLY VENOMOUS

Spotted Harlequin Snake
(*Homoroselaps lacteus*)



DANGEROUS

Rhombic Night Adder
(*Causus rhombeatus*)



CAN INFLICT A NASTY BITE

Mole Snake
(*Pseudaspis cana*)



HARMLESS

Rhombic Egg Eater
(*Dasypeltis scabra*)



HARMLESS

Western Natal Green Snake
(*Philothamnus natalensis occidentalis*)



HARMLESS

Olive Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus inornatus*)



HARMLESS

Brown House Snake
(*Boaedon capensis*)



HARMLESS

Brown Water Snake
(*Lycodonomorphus rufulus*)



HARMLESS

Delalande's Beaked Blind Snake
(*Rhinotyphlops lalandei*)



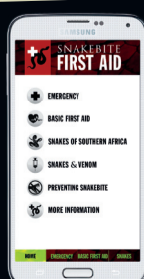
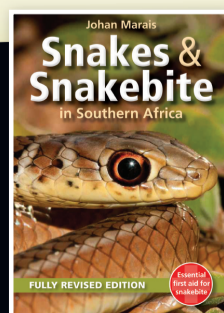
HARMLESS

Common Slug-eater
(*Duberia lutrix lutrix*)

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