



# SNAKES OF ZAMBIA

## CLASSIFICATION SNAKES

Kingdom: Animalia  
Phylum: Chordata  
Class: Reptilia  
Order: Squamata  
Suborder: Serpentes

Zambia has 102 confirmed snake species. These are all presented in this poster, grouped by family and subfamily. Check the legend for the colour coding and the underlining of names. We advise everyone to learn what the common dangerous snakes look like. They are included in the photos.

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## LEGEND

Atractaspididae	Harmless + Non-venomous (43)	Harmless + Venomous (28)	Medically Significant Non-Venomous (1)	Medically Significant + Venomous (15)	Urgent medical Attention + Venomous (15)
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Typhlopidae	Leptotyphlopidae	Pythonidae	Viperidae	Psammophidae	Prosymnidae	Pseudaspidae	Atractaspididae	Lamprophiidae	Pseudoxyrhopiidae	Elapinae	Natricidae	Colubridae
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<p>Angolan Giant Blind Snake (<i>Afrotrophops angolensis</i>)</p> <p>Schmidt's Giant Blind Snake (<i>Afrotrophops schmidtii</i>)</p> <p>Zambezi Giant Blind Snake (<i>Afrotrophops mucro</i>)</p> <p>Schlegel's Giant Blind Snake (<i>Afrotrophops schlegelii</i>)</p> <p>Lineolate Giant Blind Snake (<i>Afrotrophops lineolatus</i>)</p> <p>Slender Gracile Blind Snake (<i>Letheobia gracilis</i>)</p>	<p>Emin's Thread Snake (<i>Leptotyphlops emini</i>)</p> <p>Incognito Thread Snake (<i>Leptotyphlops incognitus</i>)</p> <p>Shaba Thread Snake (<i>Leptotyphlops kafubi</i>)</p> <p>Peter's Thread Snake (<i>Leptotyphlops scutifrons</i>)</p> <p>Long-tailed Worm Snake (<i>Myriopholis longicauda</i>)</p>	<p>Southern African Python (<i>Python natalensis</i>)</p>	<p><u>Two-striped Night Adder</u> (<i>Causus bilineatus</i>)</p> <p><u>Snouted Night Adder</u> (<i>Causus defilippii</i>)</p> <p><u>Forest Night Adder</u> (<i>Causus lichtensteinii</i>)</p> <p><u>Rhombic Night Adder</u> (<i>Causus rhomeatus</i>)</p> <p><u>Rasmussen's Night Adder</u> (<i>Causus rasmussenii</i>)</p> <p><u>Puff Adder</u> (<i>Bitis arietans</i>)</p> <p><u>Gaboon Adder</u> (<i>Bitis gabonica</i>)</p> <p><u>Katanga Bush Viper</u> (<i>Atheris katangensis</i>)</p> <p><u>Rungwe Bush Adder</u> (<i>Atheris rungweensis</i>)</p> <p><u>Floodplain Viper</u> (<i>Proatheris superciliaris</i>)</p>	<p>Rufous Beaked Snake (<i>Rhamphophis rostratus</i>)</p> <p>Eastern Bark Snake (<i>Hemirhagerrhis nototaenia</i>)</p> <p>Sharp-nosed Beaked Snake (<i>Kladirostratus acutus</i>)</p> <p>Dwarf Sand Snake (<i>Psammophis angolensis</i>)</p> <p>Jalla's Sand Snake (<i>Psammophis jallae</i>)</p> <p>Olive Sand Snake (<i>Psammophis mossambicus</i>)</p> <p>Western Striped-Bellied Sand Snake (<i>Psammophis subtaeniatus</i>)</p> <p>Zambian Sand Snake (<i>Psammophis zambiensis</i>)</p> <p>Lined Sand Snake (<i>Psammophis lineatus</i>)</p> <p>Striped Grass Snake (<i>Psammophylax tritaeniatus</i>)</p> <p>Grey-Bellied Grass Snake (<i>Psammophylax variabilis</i>)</p>	<p>East African Shovel Snout (<i>Prosymna stuhlmanni</i>)</p> <p>Bocage's Shovel Snout (<i>Prosymna ambigua</i>)</p> <p>Lined Shovel Snout (<i>Prosymna lineata</i>)</p> <p>Angola Shovel Snout (<i>Prosymna angolensis</i>)</p>	<p>Mole Snake (<i>Pseudaspis cana</i>)</p>	<p><u>Bibron's Stiletto Snake</u> (<i>Atractaspis bibronii</i>)</p> <p><u>Congo Stiletto Snake</u> (<i>Atractaspis congica</i>)</p> <p><u>Katanga Purple-glossed Snake</u> (<i>Amblyodipsas katangensis</i>)</p> <p><u>Common Purple-glossed Snake</u> (<i>Amblyodipsas polylepis</i>)</p> <p><u>Kalahari Purple-glossed Snake</u> (<i>Amblyodipsas ventrimaculata</i>)</p> <p><u>Gerard's Striped Burrowing Snake</u> (<i>Chilorhinophis gerardi</i>)</p> <p><u>Bicoloured Quill-snouted Snake</u> (<i>Xenocalamus bicolor</i>)</p> <p><u>Elongate Quill-snouted Snake</u> (<i>Xenocalamus mechowii</i>)</p> <p><u>Black Snake Eater</u> (<i>Polemon ater</i>)</p> <p><u>Common Centipede-eater</u> (<i>Aparallactus capensis</i>)</p> <p><u>Reticulated Centipede-eater</u> (<i>Aparallactus lunulatus</i>)</p> <p><u>Congo Centipede-eater</u> (<i>Aparallactus moerueensis</i>)</p> <p><u>Wedge-snouted Burrowing Snake</u> (<i>Hypoptophis wilsonii</i>)</p>	<p>Common File Snake (<i>Limaformosa capensis</i>)</p> <p>Black File Snake (<i>Gracilima nyassae</i>)</p> <p>Western Forest File Snake (<i>Mehelya poensis</i>)</p> <p>Common Wolf Snake (<i>Lycophidion capense</i>)</p> <p>Spotted Wolf Snake (<i>Lycophidion multimaculatum</i>)</p> <p>Variiegated Wolf Snake (<i>Lycophidion variegatum</i>)</p> <p>Brown House Snake (<i>Boaedon capensis</i>)</p> <p>Sooty House Snake (<i>Boaedon fuliginosus</i>)</p> <p>Frade's House Snake (<i>Boaedon fradei</i>)</p> <p>Lake Tanganyika Water Snake (<i>Lycodonomorphus bicolor</i>)</p>	<p>Shire Slug Eater (<i>Dubheria shirana</i>)</p>	<p><u>Black Mamba</u> (<i>Dendroaspis polylepis</i>)</p> <p><u>Anchieta's Cobra</u> (<i>Naja anchietae</i>)</p> <p><u>Storm's Water Cobra</u> (<i>Naja annulata stormsi</i>)</p> <p><u>Snouted Cobra</u> (<i>Naja annulifera</i>)</p> <p><u>Black-necked Spitting Cobra</u> (<i>Naja nigricollis</i>)</p> <p><u>Mozambique Spitting Cobra</u> (<i>Naja mossambica</i>)</p> <p><u>Eastern Forest Cobra</u> (<i>Naja subfulva</i>)</p> <p><u>Zambezi Garter Snake</u> (<i>Elapsoidea boulengeri</i>)</p> <p><u>Günter's Garter Snake</u> (<i>Elapsoidea guenteri</i>)</p> <p><u>Angolan Garter Snake</u> (<i>Elapsoidea semiannulata</i>)</p>	<p>Eastern Striped Water Snake (<i>Limnophis bangweolicus</i>)</p> <p>Angolan Swamp Snake (<i>Limnophis bicolor</i>)</p> <p>South-western Forest Marsh Snake (<i>Natriciteres bipostocularis</i>)</p> <p>Olive Marsh Snake (<i>Natriciteres olivacea</i>)</p> <p>Forest Marsh Snake (<i>Natriciteres sylvatica</i>)</p>	<p>Ornate water Snake (<i>Grayia ornata</i>)</p> <p>Thollon's Water Snake (<i>Grayia tholloni</i>)</p> <p><u>Jackson's Tree Snake</u> (<i>Thrasops jacksonii</i>)</p> <p><u>Northern Boomslang</u> (<i>Dispholidus viridis</i>)</p> <p><u>Kivu Boomslang</u> (<i>Dispholidus kivuensis</i>)</p> <p><u>Spotted Boomslang</u> (<i>Dispholidus punctatus</i>)</p> <p><u>Splendid Dagger-tooth Tree Snake</u> (<i>Rhamnophis aethiopissa</i>)</p> <p><u>Oates' Vine Snake</u> (<i>Thelotornis capensis oatesii</i>)</p> <p><u>Forest Vine Snake</u> (<i>Thelotornis kirtlandii</i>)</p> <p><u>Eastern Vine Snake</u> (<i>Thelotornis mossambicus</i>)</p> <p>Western Green Snake (<i>Philothamnus angolensis</i>)</p> <p>South-eastern Green Snake (<i>Philothamnus hoplogaster</i>)</p>	<p>Ornate Green Snake (<i>Philothamnus ornatus</i>)</p> <p>Slender Green Snake (<i>Philothamnus heterolepidotus</i>)</p> <p>Spotted Bush Snake (<i>Philothamnus semivariatus</i>)</p> <p>Grey Hook-nosed Snake (<i>Scaphiophis albopunctatus</i>)</p> <p>Eastern Tiger Snake (<i>Teleoscopus semiannulatus</i>)</p> <p>Barotse Cat Snake (<i>Crotaphopeltis barotseensis</i>)</p> <p>Black-templed Cat Snake (<i>Crotaphopeltis hotamboeia</i>)</p> <p>Shreve's Marbled Tree Snake (<i>Dipsadoboa shrevei</i>)</p> <p>Semiornate Snake (<i>Meizodon semiornatus</i>)</p> <p>Rhombic Egg-eater (<i>Dasypeltis scabra</i>)</p> <p>East-Forest Egg-eater (<i>Dasypeltis medici</i>)</p> <p>Diamond-back Egg-eater (<i>Dasypeltis confusa</i>)</p> <p><u>Blanding's Tree Snake</u> (<i>Toxicodryas blandingii</i>)</p>
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