



# SNAKES OF ZAMBIA

**CLASSIFICATION SNAKES**  
 Kingdom: Animalia  
 Phylum: Chordata  
 Class: Reptilia  
 Order: Squamata  
 Suborder: Serpentes

Zambia has 103 confirmed snake species. These are all presented in this poster, grouped by family. 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.

## LEGEND

Harmless + Non-venomous (43)	Harmless + Venomous (28)	Medically Significant Non-Venomous (1)	Medically Significant + Venomous (15)	Urgent medical Attention + Venomous (16)
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Typlopidae	Leptotyphlopidae	Pythonidae	Viperidae	Lamphrophiidae					Elapidae	Colubridae			
Angolan Giant Blind Snake ( <i>Afrotyphlops angolensis</i> )	Emin's Thread Snake ( <i>Leptotyphlops emini</i> )	Southern African Python ( <i>Python natalensis</i> )	<u>Two-striped Night Adder</u> ( <i>Causus bilineatus</i> )	Rufous Beaked Snake ( <i>Rhamphophis rostratus</i> )	Mole Snake ( <i>Pseudaspis cana</i> )	<u>Bibron's Stiletto Snake</u> ( <i>Atractaspis bibronii</i> )	Bicoloured Quill-snouted Snake ( <i>Xenocalamus bicolor</i> )	Common File Snake ( <i>Limaformosa capensis</i> )	<b>Black Mamba</b> ( <i>Dendroaspis polylepis</i> )	Eastern Striped Water Snake ( <i>Limnophis bangweolicus</i> )	Ornate water Snake ( <i>Grayia ornata</i> )	Western Green Snake ( <i>Philothamnus angolensis</i> )	Shreve's Marbled Tree Snake ( <i>Dipsadoboa shrevei</i> )
Schmidt's Giant Blind Snake ( <i>Afrotyphlops schmidti</i> )	Incognito Thread Snake ( <i>Leptotyphlops incognitus</i> )		<u>Snouted Night Adder</u> ( <i>Causus defilippii</i> )	Eastern Bark Snake ( <i>Hemirhagerrhis nototaenia</i> )	East African Shovel Snout ( <i>Prosymna stuhlmanni</i> )	<u>Congo Stiletto Snake</u> ( <i>Atractaspis congica</i> )	Elongate Quill-snouted Snake ( <i>Xenocalamus mechowii</i> )	Black File Snake ( <i>Gracilima nyassae</i> )	<b>Jameson's Mamba</b> ( <i>Dendroaspis jamesoni</i> )	Angolan Swamp Snake ( <i>Limnophis bicolor</i> )	Thollon's Water Snake ( <i>Grayia tholloni</i> )	South-eastern Green Snake ( <i>Philothamnus hoplogaster</i> )	Semiornate Snake ( <i>Meizodon semiornatus</i> )
Zambezi Giant Blind Snake ( <i>Afrotyphlops dingani</i> )	Shaba Thread Snake ( <i>Leptotyphlops kafubi</i> )		<u>Forest Night Adder</u> ( <i>Causus lichtensteinii</i> )	Sharp-nosed Beaked Snake ( <i>Kladrostratus acutus</i> )	Bocage's Shovel Snout ( <i>Prosymna ambigua</i> )	Katanga Purple-glossed Snake ( <i>Amblyodipsas katangensis</i> )	Black Snake Eater ( <i>Polemon ater</i> )	Western Forest File Snake ( <i>Mehelya poensis</i> )	<b>Anchieta's Cobra</b> ( <i>Naja anchietae</i> )	South-western Forest Marsh Snake ( <i>Natriciteres bipostocularis</i> )	<b>Jackson's Tree Snake</b> ( <i>Thrasops jacksonii</i> )	Ornate Green Snake ( <i>Philothamnus ornatus</i> )	Rhombic Egg-eater ( <i>Dasypeltis scabra</i> )
Schlegel's Giant Blind Snake ( <i>Afrotyphlops schlegelii</i> )	Peter's Thread Snake ( <i>Leptotyphlops scutifrons</i> )		<u>Rhombic Night Adder</u> ( <i>Causus rhomeatus</i> )	Dwarf Sand Snake ( <i>Psammophis angolensis</i> )	Lined Shovel Snout ( <i>Prosymna lineata</i> )	Common Purple-glossed Snake ( <i>Amblyodipsas polylepis</i> )	Common Centipede-eater ( <i>Aparallactus capensis</i> )	Common Wolf Snake ( <i>Lycophidion capense</i> )	<b>Storm's Water Cobra</b> ( <i>Naja annulata stormsi</i> )	Olive Marsh Snake ( <i>Natriciteres olivacea</i> )	<b>Northern Boomslang</b> ( <i>Dispholidus viridis</i> )	Slender Green Snake ( <i>Philothamnus heterolepidotus</i> )	East-Forest Egg-eater ( <i>Dasypeltis medici</i> )
Lineolate Giant Blind Snake ( <i>Afrotyphlops lineolatus</i> )	Long-tailed Worm Snake ( <i>Myriopholis longicauda</i> )		<u>Rasmussen's Night Adder</u> ( <i>Causus rasmussenii</i> )	Jalla's Sand Snake ( <i>Psammophis jallae</i> )	Angola Shovel Snout ( <i>Prosymna angolensis</i> )	Kalahari Purple-glossed Snake ( <i>Amblyodipsas ventrimaculata</i> )	Reticulated Centipede-eater ( <i>Aparallactus lunulatus</i> )	Spotted Wolf Snake ( <i>Lycophidion multimaculatum</i> )	<b>Snouted Cobra</b> ( <i>Naja annulifera</i> )	Forest Marsh Snake ( <i>Natriciteres sylvatica</i> )	<b>Kivu Boomslang</b> ( <i>Dispholidus kivuensis</i> )	Spotted Bush Snake ( <i>Philothamnus semivariatus</i> )	Diamond-back Egg-eater ( <i>Dasypeltis confusa</i> )
Slender Gracile Blind Snake ( <i>Letheobia gracilis</i> )			<b>Puff Adder</b> ( <i>Bitis arietans</i> )	Olive Sand Snake ( <i>Psammophis mossambicus</i> )	Shire Slug Eater ( <i>Dubheria shirana</i> )	<u>Gerard's Striped Burrowing Snake</u> ( <i>Chilorhinophis gerardi</i> )	Congo Centipede-eater ( <i>Aparallactus moeruensis</i> )	Variagated Wolf Snake ( <i>Lycophidion variegatum</i> )	<b>Black-necked Spitting Cobra</b> ( <i>Naja nigricollis</i> )		<b>Spotted Boomslang</b> ( <i>Dispholidus punctatis</i> )	Grey Hook-nosed Snake ( <i>Scaphiophis albopunctatus</i> )	<b>Central African Tree Snake</b> ( <i>Toxicodryas vexator</i> )
			<b>Gaboon Adder</b> ( <i>Bitis gabonica</i> )	Western Striped-Bellied Sand Snake ( <i>Psammophis subtaeniatus</i> )			Wedge-snouted Burrowing Snake ( <i>Hypoptophis wilsonii</i> )	Brown House Snake ( <i>Boaedon capensis</i> )	<b>Mozambique Spitting Cobra</b> ( <i>Naja mossambica</i> )		<b>Splendid Dagger-tooth Tree Snake</b> ( <i>Rhamnophis aethiops</i> )	Eastern Tiger Snake ( <i>Telescopus semiannulatus</i> )	
			<u>Katanga Bush Viper</u> ( <i>Atheris katangensis</i> )	Zambian Sand Snake ( <i>Psammophis zambiensis</i> )				Sooty House Snake ( <i>Boaedon fuliginosus</i> )	<b>Eastern Forest Cobra</b> ( <i>Naja subfulva</i> )		<b>Oates' Vine Snake</b> ( <i>Thelotornis capensis oatesii</i> )	<b>Barotse Cat Snake</b> ( <i>Crotaphopeltis barotseensis</i> )	
			<u>Rungwe Bush Adder</u> ( <i>Atheris rungweensis</i> )	Lined Sand Snake ( <i>Psammophis lineatus</i> )				Frade's House Snake ( <i>Boaedon fradei</i> )	<b>Zambezi Garter Snake</b> ( <i>Elapsoidea boulengeri</i> )		<b>Forest Vine Snake</b> ( <i>Thelotornis kirtlandii</i> )	<b>Black-templed Cat Snake</b> ( <i>Crotapopeltis hotamboeia</i> )	
			<u>Floodplain Viper</u> ( <i>Proatheris supercilii</i> )	Striped Grass Snake ( <i>Psammophylax tritaeniatus</i> )				Lake Tanganyika Water Snake ( <i>Lycodonomorphus bicolor</i> )	<b>Günter's Garter Snake</b> ( <i>Elapsoidea guenteri</i> )		<b>Eastern Vine Snake</b> ( <i>Thelotornis mossambicus</i> )		
				Grey-Bellied Grass Snake ( <i>Psammophylax variabilis</i> )					<b>Angolan Garter Snake</b> ( <i>Elapsoidea semiannulata</i> )				



Rhombic Night Adder



Snouted Night Adder



Jameson's Mamba



Puff Adder



Bibron's Stiletto Snake



Black-necked Spitting Cobra



Anchieta's Cobra



Northern Boomslang



Gaboon Adder



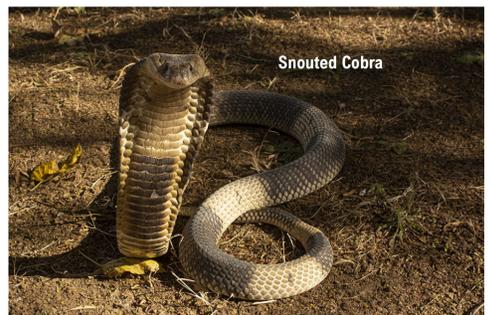
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