

Venomous snakes of Southwestern Kenya



Can be found in one or more of these counties: Bungoma, Busia, Kisumu, Siaya, Kakamega, Nandi, Homabay, Vihiga, Nyamira, Kisii, and Kericho.

Snakes pictured are known to have some potential to harm a human being. A bite from some may require antivenom for treatment, while others can be treated symptomatically. Others not pictured here may have venom but they are essentially harmless to human beings.



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1. **East African garter snake** (*Elapsoidea loveridgei*)
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2. **Puff adder** (*Bitis arietans*)
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3. **Black-necked spitting cobra** (*Naja nigricollis*)
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4. **Boomslang** (*Dispholidus typus*)
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5. **Gaboon viper** (*Bitis gabonica*)
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6. **Eastern (brown) forest cobra** (*Naja subfulva*)
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7. **Variable burrowing asp** (*Atractaspis irregularis*)
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8. **Rhinoceros viper** (*Bitis nasicornis*)
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9. **Egyptian cobra** (*Naja haje*)
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10. **Blanding's tree snake** (*Toxicodryas vexator*)
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11. **Rough-scaled bush viper** (*Atheris hispida*)
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12. **Goldie's tree cobra** (*Pseudohaje goldii*)
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13. **Rhombic night adder** (*Causus rhombatus*)
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14. **Variable bush viper** (*Atheris squamigera*)
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15. **Black mamba** (*Dendroaspis polylepis*)
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16. **Powdered tree snake** (*Toxicodryas pulverulenta*)
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17. **Velvety-green night adder** (*Causus resimus*)
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18. **Jameson's mamba** (*Dendroaspis jamesoni*)
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19. **Forest night adder** (*Causus lichtensteinii*)
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