

Yamba reptiles and amphibians

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s.	pl.	English	Latin	Comment
Snakes				
cwà	cwàá	Green mamba	<i>Dendroaspis jamesoni</i>	p. 570
fí	—	Puff adder	<i>Bitis arietans</i>	p. 600
kúrún	—	Rhinoceros viper, Gaboon viper	<i>Bitis nasicornis</i> , <i>Bitis gabonica</i>	p. 602, 604
mandzəmájkés mfú'bi	—	?		brown and white striped snake p. 438 ff. fat, grey non-poisonous snake which lives in water
múmúré	—	Blind snake	<i>Rhinotyphlops punctatus</i>	p. 338, 340 and other blind snakes. Also a type of very small mosquito
mvìp nzwím (or ndìm ?)	mvìp —	?		large black tree snake p. 404
ngbakəpəŋ (or ngbakpəkpeŋ ?)	(or	Egg-eater spp. ?	<i>Dasypeltis spp.</i>	small, brown, long snake lives in shrubs = poisonous grey grass snake
ngbaŋ				non poisonous green snake which lives in water or on trees
ngwì fāk ràmsà' səképé'	ràmsàá' —	?		small, worm-like blind snake p. 370. Also <i>kpuruŋ</i>
		Variable bush viper	<i>Atheris squamigera</i>	p. 596. short, fat, poisonous snake
sòŋ	sòóŋ	Spitting cobra	<i>Naja nigricollis</i>	p. 586
Lizards				
bés	—	Angulated gecko	<i>Hemidactylus angulatus</i>	p. 106
madzəno malimntòŋ		large gecko large gecko		which lives on rocks
bés kàsə	—	Agama lizard	<i>Agama agama</i>	p. 152
kókúí (? or kúkúí')	—	Chameleon	<i>Chamaeleo gracilis</i>	p. 186 (and other chameleons)
ngòm ndúŋ	ngòm ndūúŋ	Skink	all spp.	red sides, smooth, considered very poisonous
bès kòm	bès kòóm	Ornate monitor	<i>Varanus ornatus</i>	p. 310

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Others				
tòrèkí ndzép	—	African soft-shelled turtle	<i>Trionyx triunguis</i>	p. 72
tòrèkí ñkàk	—	Bell's hinged tortoise	<i>Kinixys belliana belliana</i>	p. 78
ngàhà	ngàhàá	Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>	p. 88
nàm ndzép		Crocodile	<i>Crocodylus niloticus</i>	p. 88
Amphibians				
bwìs		frog		large, edible
càm		smooth-skinned edible frog,		appears in dry season
cè		black tadpole		not edible
jéják		frog		tiny, found around rocks in streams
máṅgbàré		frog		cries at night, leaps up to about ten meters
mbòtòk		toad		that leaps high and long
ndóndón		long-legged frog		rough skin, found in dry places
ṅkùcàm		frog		with very long legs that leaps, edible
swèṅ		frog		