

Anila m. : A mythical serpent.

Son of Kadrū, listed among her sons by Sūta at the request of Śaunaka 1. 31. 7, 2.

Andha m. : A mythical serpent, living in Bhogavatī Purī 5. 101. 16, 1.

Son of Surasā and Kaśyapa 5. 101. 4, 17; description 5. 101. 5-7.

Aparājita m. : A mythical serpent, living in Bhogavatī Purī 5. 101. 15, 1.

Son of Surasā and Kaśyapa 5. 101. 4, 17; description 5. 101. 5-7; also mentioned by Sūta among the sons of Kadrū 1. 31. 13.

Ambariṣa m. : A mythical serpent.

He, among others, received the white snake issuing from the mouth of Balarāma and entering the ocean 16. 5. 15, 12.

Ariṣṭanemi m. : A mythical bird.

Son of Vinatā (daughter of Dakṣa) 1. 59. 39; came with Tārksya and others to greet Arjuna at his birth 1. 114. 62, 40.

Aruṇa m. : A mythical bird.

A. Birth : Not fully developed (*vikala*) son of Vinatā and Kaśyapa 1. 27. 34, 25; one of the six Vainateyas 1. 59. 39; 1. 114. 62; Vinatā, wife of Kaśyapa, broke open one of her two eggs prematurely after waiting for five hundred years; when Aruṇa, her son, came out he was developed only in his forepart; for her impatience he cursed Vinatā to be the slave of Kadrū for five hundred years, and also told her that her second son will free her from slavery, if she did not break open the other egg before the proper time arrived; he then left his mother and flew into the sky; he now appears as Aruṇa (red light) at dawn 1. 14. 12-21;

1. 31. 1; hence called the fore-runner of the sun (*ādityasya puraḥsarah*) 1. 27. 34; 7. 161.

B. Wife and Children : His wife Śyenī bore him two sons, Sampāti and Jaṭāyu(s) 1. 60. 67; hence Jaṭāyu called *aruṇātmaja* 3. 263. 1.

C. Importance : Kaśyapa blessed his wife with two sons who would be lords of the three worlds (*tribhuvaneśvarau*), honoured by all worlds (*lokapūjtau*), of great fortune (*mahābhāgau*) 1. 27. 26-27; destined to be an ally of Indra 1. 27. 30; present at Skanda's consecration as *senāpati* 9. 44. 14;

came with other Vainateyas to greet Arjuna at his birth 1. 114. 62; counted among the Ādityas 1. 60. 38; he gave Skanda a cock having a red-crest (*tāmracūḍa*) and fighting with nails (*carañāyudha*) 9. 45. 46.

D. Upamāna : Ghaṭotkaca with his charioteer Virūpākṣa compared with Sun and Aruṇa 7. 150. 14; Karṇa with Śalya to work together as do Sun and Aruṇa 8. 23. 15.

Aruṇātmaja m. : Son of Aruṇa, Jaṭāyu 3. 263. 1.

Aruṇānuja m. : Younger brother of Aruṇa, Garuḍa 5. 110. 3.

Arbuda m. : A mythical serpent.

Lived near the town Girivraja, in Magadha; described as 'tormenter of enemies' (*śatrutāpana*) 2. 19. 9.

Alarka m. : A worm (*kṛmi*).

Feeding on flesh and blood (*māmsaśoṇita-bhojana*), covered with phlegm (*śleṣma-maya*), harsh to touch (*dāruṇasparśa*); looked like a boar; had eight legs, sharp jaws, covered with hair sharp as needles 12. 3. 13, 6-7, 12-13; it bit and cut open Karṇa's thigh 12. 3. 7-8; really a great Asura, Gṛtsa