

by name, who was born as a worm due to the curse of Bhṛgu 12. 3. 14-20.

**Aśvakranda m.** : A mythical bird (?)

Tore open by Garuḍa with nails and beak during his expedition to fetch *amṛta* 1. 28. 18, 20.

[ Name of a Yakṣa according to Nilakaṅṭha ].

**Aśvatara m.** : A mythical serpent, living in Bhogavatī Purī 5. 101. 9, 1.

A. Son of Surasā and Kaśyapa 5. 101. 4, 17; description 5. 101. 5-7. B. Mentioned among serpents who wait, without fatigue (*vigataklama*), on Varuṇa in his *sabhā* 2. 9. 9; marked with banner (*patākin*) and round spots (*maṇḍatin*), hooded (*phaṇavānt*) 2. 9. 10. C. Also listed among the sons of Kadrū 1. 31. 10.

**Aśvatthāman m.** : Name of a famous elephant.

In the army of Indravarman, king of Mālava, who was fighting from the side of the Pāṇḍavas; as tall as a mountain; could be compared with the elephant of Indra; Bhīma killed him to proclaim "Aśvatthāman is dead" 7. 164. 71, 73, 101, 102; 7. 165. 113, 115, 116 (also cf. 7. 165. 28-33); Yudhiṣṭhira told Droṇa *indistinctly* (*avyaktam*) "Aśvatthāman, the elephant, is killed" 7. 165. 115; 7. 164. 106; but cf. 12. 27. 16-17 (*kuñjaraṁ cāntaraṁ kṛtvā mūhyopacaritaṁ mayā [... mayokto gurur āhave / aśvatthāmā hata iti kuñjare vinipālite* ).

**Aśvarāja m.** : Name of a horse (?), of a demon (?).

Killed by Kṛṣṇa in his childhood 5. 128. 46.

**Aśvasena m.** : A mythical serpent.

A. Family and Residence : Takṣaka's son and his constant companion (*nityaṁ saha-carāv ubhau*) 1. 3. 145; 1. 218. 5; 8. 65. 39; Uttanka mentions him, (while praising the *nāgas*), as one living at Kurukṣetra along the river Ikṣumatī 1. 3. 145. B. Khāṇḍava fire : He was at the Khāṇḍava forest at the time of the great fire, but escaped death 1. 219. 40; his mother swallowed him, head first, so that when Arjuna cut off her head while she was flying upwards Aśvasena did not die 1. 218. 5, 1. 220. 2; Aśvasena could escape because Indra confounded Arjuna with *Vātavarṣa* (an *astra*?) 1. 218. 9. C. Part in the great war : Karṇa had a fiery arrow described as *bhujaga* (8. 66. 10), *sarpamukha* (8. 66. 5), poisonous (8. 66. 6, 16); reserved by him for use against Arjuna 8. 66. 5; when the arrow was shot it could remove only Arjuna's diadem (*kirīta*) 8. 66. 11, 12, 15, 17; on this arrow apparently lay the big snake (*mahcraḡa*) Aśvasena, inimical to Arjuna due to the killing of his mother by Arjuna 8. 66. 20, 21; Arjuna killed him when Kṛṣṇa explained to him who the serpent really was 8. 66. 21, 24; Aśvasena not directly named in this incident, but Duryodhana names him as figuring in this incident when he mentions Aśvasena (as an arrow shot at Arjuna) who was deflected (*vyaṁsanenāśvasenasya*) by Kṛṣṇa 9. 60. 35.

**Ādika m.** : A mythical serpent.

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

**Āpūraṇa m.** : A mythical serpent, living in Bhogavatī Purī 5. 101. 10, 1.

Son of Surasā and Kaśyapa 5. 101. 4, 17; description 5. 101. 5-7; also listed by Sūta among the sons of Kadrū 1. 13. 6.