

on the ground tled by the arrows of Indrajit 3. 273. 4; Nala and other monkey-chiefs together with their armies surrounded Rāvaṇa as he was rushing against Rāma and destroyed Rāvaṇa's army with trees 3. 274. 3-4.

Nahuṣa m. : A mythical serpent, living in Bhogavatī Purī 5. 101. 9, 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. 31. 9, 2.

Nāgāśin m. : A mythical bird, living in the world of Suparṇas 5. 99. 9, 1.

Born in the *kula* of Vainateya (Garuḍa), in the *vaṁśa* of Kaśyapa; feeding on serpents; marked with *śrīvatsa*, his deity is Viṣṇu; by action a Kṣatriya, not obtaining Brahminhood because indulging in destroying his kinsmen 5. 99. 2-8.

Nāḍījaṅgha m. : A mythical crane, also called Rājadharmān 12. 163. 19.

A. Birth : Son of a *devakanyā* and Kaśyapa 12. 163. 18, 19. B. Residence : Lake Indradyumna 3. 191. 9. C. Description : Learned (*mahāprajñah*, *vidvān* 12. 163. 18, 19), lustrous like the chief of gods, adorned with bright ornaments of gold, blazing with lustre 12. 163. 19, 20. D. Status : Best among the birds (*khagottama*), king of the cranes (*bakarāja*); unrivalled on the earth; as friend of god Brahman, he used to visit the world of Brahman 12. 163. 17-19. E. Age : Of fabulous age, older then the owl Prākāra-karṇa; Nāḍījaṅgha directed the royal sage Indradyumna to the tortoise Akūpāra who was older than he (Nāḍījaṅgha) 3. 191. 9-14.

[See Rājadharmān]

Nimiṣa m. : A mythical bird, living in the world of Suparṇas 5. 99. 10, 1.

Born in the *kula* of Vainateya (Garuḍa), in the *vaṁśa* of Kaśyapa; living on serpents;

marked with *śrīvatsa*, his deity is Viṣṇu; by action a Kṣatriya, not obtaining Brahminhood because responsible for destroying his kinsmen 5. 99. 2-8.

Nimeṣa¹ m. : A mythical bird, living in the world of Suparṇas 5. 99. 10, 1.

Born in the *kula* of Vainateya (Garuḍa), in the *vaṁśa* of Kaśyapa; living on serpents; marked with *śrīvatsa*, his deity is Viṣṇu; by action a Kṣatriya, not obtaining Brahminhood because responsible for destroying his kinsmen 5. 99. 2-8.

Nimeṣa² m. : A mythical bird (*pakṣin*) ?

He fought with Garuḍa while the latter was on his expedition to fetch *amṛta*; Garuḍa tore him apart with his wings, nails and beak 1. 28. 19-20 [According to Nīlakaṇṭha Nimeṣa was the name of a Yakṣa, cf. his remark on 1. 32. 18 Bom. Ed.]

Nisākara m. : A mythical bird, living in the world of Suparṇas 5. 99. 14, 1.

Born in the *kula* of Vainateya (Garuḍa), in the *vaṁśa* of Kaśyapa; living on serpents, marked with *śrīvatsa*, his deity is Viṣṇu; by action a Kṣatriya, not obtaining Brahminhood because responsible for destroying his kinsmen 5. 99. 2-8.

Niṣṭyūnaka m. : A mythical serpent.

Son of Kadrū, listed among her sons by Sūta at the request of Śaunaka 1. 31. 9, 2.

Niṣṭhūrika m. : A mythical serpent; living in Bhogavatī Purī 5. 101. 12, 1.

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

Nīla¹ m. : A mythical serpent.

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