

**Śvāpada**, like **Śvapad**, denotes a 'savage animal' or 'beast of prey.' It is mentioned in the *Rigveda*,<sup>1</sup> in the *Atharvaveda*,<sup>2</sup> and occasionally later.<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> x. 16, 6.

<sup>2</sup> xi. 10, 8.

<sup>3</sup> *Satapatha Brāhmaṇa*, v. 5, 4, 10 (where the tiger, *Śārdūla*, is mentioned

as the chief of them); xii. 2, 4, 16; *Bṛhadāraṇyaka Upaniṣad*, i. 4, 29; *Śāṅkhāyana Āraṇyaka*, xii. 16, etc.

**Śvā-vidh** ('dog-piercing') is the name of the 'porcupine' in the *Atharvaveda*<sup>1</sup> and later.<sup>2</sup> It is called 'long-eared' (*karna*).<sup>3</sup> See also *Śalyaka*.

<sup>1</sup> v. 13, 9.

<sup>2</sup> *Taittirīya Saṃhitā*, v. 5, 20, 1; *Maitrāyaṇī Saṃhitā*, iii. 14, 14; *Vājasaneyi Saṃhitā*, xxiii. 56; xxiv. 33, etc.

<sup>3</sup> *Av.*, loc. cit.

Cf. Zimmer, *Altindisches Leben*, 82.

**Śvikna** is the name of a people twice mentioned in the *Satapatha Brāhmaṇa*<sup>1</sup> in connexion with their king, **Rṣabha Yājñataura**. Cf. *Śvaikna*.

<sup>1</sup> xii. 8, 3, 7; xiii. 5, 4, 15. Cf. Weber, *Indische Studien*, i, 209, 210.

1. **Śvitra** ('white') is the name of a species of serpent in the *Atharvaveda*<sup>1</sup> and the later *Samhitās*.<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> iii. 27, 6 (where there is a variant *citra*); x. 4, 5, 13.

<sup>2</sup> *Taittirīya Saṃhitā*, v. 5, 10, 2; *Maitrāyaṇī Saṃhitā*, ii. 13, 21, has in the parallel passage *citra*, probably by error.

Cf. Zimmer, *Altindisches Leben*, 95; Whitney, Translation of the *Atharva-*

*veda*, 134. Perhaps *Śvitra*, in the list of victims at the *Aśvamedha* ('horse sacrifice') in the *Vājasaneyi Saṃhitā*, xxiv. 39, has this sense; but the St. Petersburg Dictionary explains it as 'a certain domestic animal,' or, generally, 'a white animal.'

2. **Śvitra** is found as an adjective in the *Pañcaviṃśa Brāhmaṇa* (xii. 11, 11) in the sense of 'afflicted with white leprosy.'

**Śvitrya**. See *Śvaitreya*.