

Viriṇa in the Śatapatha Brāhmaṇa¹ denotes a kind of grass (*Andropogon muricatus*). See **Vairiṇa**.

¹ iii. 8, 1, 15. Cf. Zimmer, *Altindisches Leben*, 70.

Virudh means 'plant' in the Rigveda¹ and later.² As contrasted with **Oṣadhi**, it denotes the inferior order of plants, but it often has practically the same sense as **Oṣadhi**.

¹ i. 67, 9; 141, 4; ii. 1, 14; 35, 8, | ² Av. i. 32, 3; 34, 1; ii. 7, 1; v. 4, 1; etc. | xix. 35, 4, etc.

Cf. Zimmer, *Altindisches Leben*, 57.

1. **Vṛka**, 'wolf,' is mentioned frequently in the Rigveda,¹ and also later.² It was an enemy of sheep³ and of calves,⁴ being dangerous even to men.⁵ Its colour is stated to be reddish (*aruṇa*).⁶ The 'she-wolf,' **Vṛkī**, is also mentioned several times in the Rigveda.⁷

¹ i. 42, 2; 105, 7; 116, 14; ii. 29, 6; vi. 51, 14; vii. 38, 7, etc.

² Av. vii. 95, 2; xii. 1, 49; Kāthaka Samhitā, xii. 10; Maitrāyaṇī Samhitā, iii. 14, 4; Vājasaneyi Samhitā, iv. 34; xix. 10, 92, etc.

³ Rv. viii. 34, 3; *urā-mathī*, 'worrying sheep,' x. 66, 8.

⁴ Av. xii. 4, 7.

⁵ Rv. i. 105, 11. 18; ii. 29, 6. In

Nirukta, v. 21, Roth, St. Petersburg Dictionary, s.v. 16, sees the sense of 'dog,' which seems needless. Cf. *Nirukta*, *Erläuterungen*, 67.

⁶ Rv. i. 105, 18.

⁷ i. 116, 16; 117, 17; 183, 4; vi. 51, 6; x. 127, 6.

Cf. Zimmer, *Altindisches Leben*, 81; Weber, *Indische Studien*, 18, 14.

2. **Vṛka** in two passages of the Rigveda¹ denotes 'plough.'

¹ i. 117, 21; viii. 22, 6; Nirukta, v. 26.

Vṛka-dvaras is found in one passage of the Rigveda,¹ which Ludwig² interprets as referring to a battle against **Vṛkadvaras**, king of the **Śandikas**. But this is quite uncertain. Roth³ and Oldenberg⁴ incline to read *vṛkadhvaras*. Hillebrandt⁵ suggests Iranian connections, but without any clear reason.

¹ ii. 30, 4.

² Translation of the Rigveda, 3, 153; Griffith, *Hymns of the Rigveda*, 1, 297, n.

³ St. Petersburg Dictionary, s.v.;

Zeitschrift der Deutschen Morgenländischen Gesellschaft, 48, 110.

⁴ *Rigveda-Noten*, 1, 211.

⁵ *Vedische Mythologie*, 3, 442.