

luxon

Red Birch

1. səmge'k , or more specifically hi:səmge'ks
Two səmge'k's, one large and one small.
The large one was a large bird with a human
mounted on it. The smaller səmge'k was on top.
2. g.ana'ʷo ; specifically wə'm g.ana'ʷo
3. kwəbiye'ts , for the Supper

George Derrick

1. səmge'k real woodpecker
2. pə'g.ə'm g.ana'ʷo frog of the partition
3. ladəmx səmget people of the ladder
4. lanəmg.ε.it hat (4 layers)

After this come the ^{naxnəx}~~naxmox~~, in ranked order:

- (a) te'get
- (b) gwisg.alga'lsu
- (c) tse'qx sup
- (d) ʷaxg.ə'tt lu'la'g
- (e) pəli'st or kup'ye'lst
- (f) səmgik
- (g) gimilaxe'
- (h) gila'xu
- (i) hamo'm spinning top
- (j) ksəmsə'ʷg
- (ii) (k) gwilkshana'ʷgs

Ambrose Derrick

1. səmgik tso səmgik nest of the tso'ngik

The guests entered the house through a round hole
used as doorway. luxon came in the same
entrance representing the səmgik with outspread wings.
It is also shown on the top and bottom of his totem
pole at Kitwanoool, & on a decorated wall board.
It was also dramatized, and the person representing
the bird would have a child on its back.
This bird belonged to house of wudaxaye'ts.

2. g.ana'oo Frog. Shown only on the pole and on garments.

3. g.aidəm x kige'ni "hat of people upriver"
A hat with 4 rings. Shown on the pole with the weaver holding it on against the wind with his hand.

Guests or
naxnə'gə?

4. yette The Big Supper (stars) The stars would be represented in the darkened house by lights, outlining the Big Supper. A song goes with it. Used as a name [?]

5. hən salmon Shown as a carved salmon of wood, jointed along the body and with movable fins. The halait would take it and place it by the fire "to cook". It was hollow, with cooked fish inside, which was distributed to the guests.

Tradition of crest songi'k (woodpecker), house of lwx'x'n,
laxse'1, Kitwancool. Paul Derrick.

A young man was missing from the village of
gita ng.a'sx, at the headwaters of the Nass
River. Searching for him, the people ~~see~~ heard
a woodpecker in the hills, constantly calling
ho ho ho ho ho. They found the tree where the bird
sat, and saw a huge woodpecker with the missing
young man sitting on it. A smaller woodpecker
was the ~~other~~ one which was crying out. The
people tried to capture the large bird, but each
time it flew farther into the woods carrying
the man on its back. Finally it disappeared.

In fear of this large songi'k the people left
the village and fled. Some came on to Kitwancool.

Ambrose Derrick version. The Deluge scattered the people of
Zemlaham in all directions. At a place called lax ang.a'xs
"Place of Wild Rice", at the headwaters of the Skeena, a
songi'k came and took a member of our family
called kupssese'i into the hills. When the people
found the bird, it was sitting in a tree. All the
other birds were gathered about, and on the ground
many frogs and insects gathered around the tree.
The people took the boy, but his stomach burst.