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n. pl. **ham·a·dry·ads** or **ham·a·dry·a·des** (-ə-dēz')

1. *Greek & Roman Mythology* A wood nymph who lives only as long as the tree of which she is the spirit lives.
2. See [king cobra](#).

[Middle English *amadriad*, from Latin *Hamadryas*, *Hamadryad*-, from Greek *Hamadruas* : *hama*, together with; see **sem**-¹ [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#) + *Druas*, dryad (from *drūs*, oak; see **deru**- [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#)).]

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