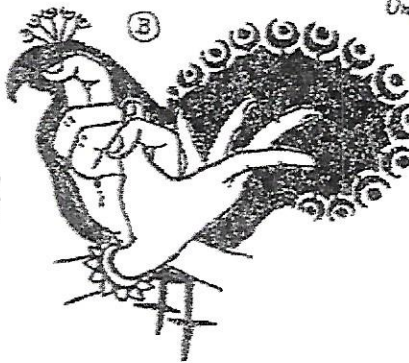
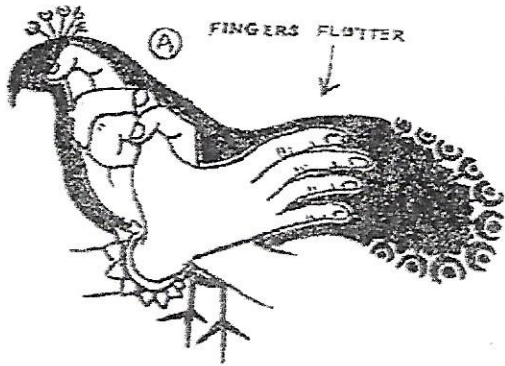
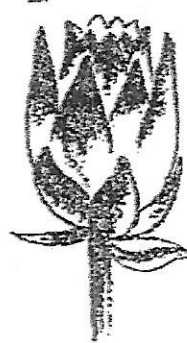
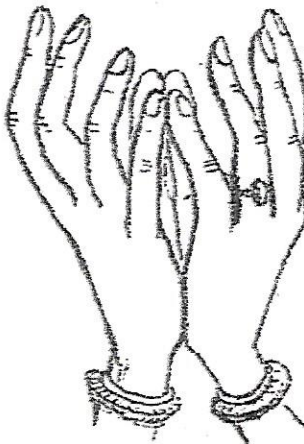
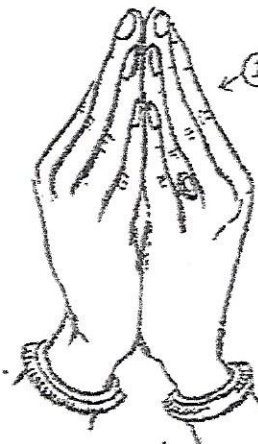


Mudras

Here are a few examples of hand gestures. Where the *mudra* represents an object or an animal or bird, there is little confusion. The name of the object is given as the name of the *mudra*.



On left: A-B: EXAMPLE OF BHARATA NATYA (COMBINED HAND) MUDRA, SYMBOLISING A PEACOCK:
 (A): PEACOCK WITH TAIL CLOSED:
 (B): PEACOCK WITH TAIL DISPLAYED.



1: A LOTUS BUD.
 2: A LOTUS HALF-OPENED.
 3: A FULL-BLOWN LOTUS-BLOSSOM.



MRIGHIKSHAM
TWO DEER

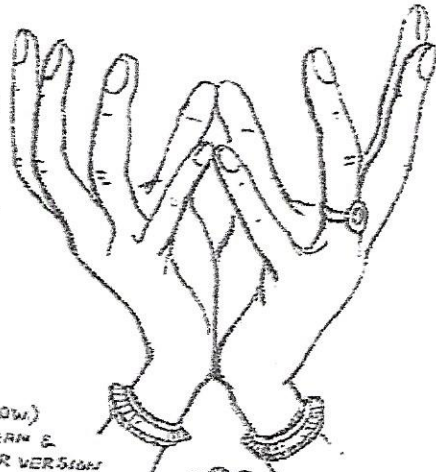
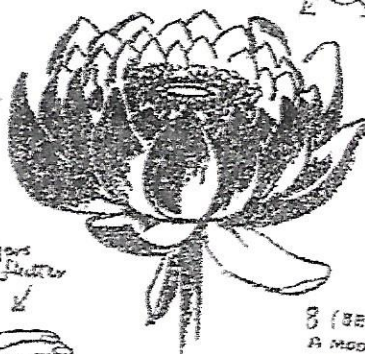


GARUDA,
THE EAGLE
(or bird flying):

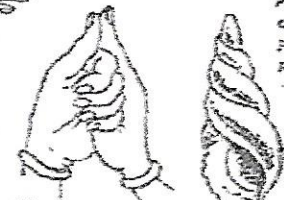


Fingers flutter

MATSYA
THE FISH
(Thumb's reverse)



8 (BELOW)
A MODERN & POPULAR VERSION OF THE KATHAKALI PEACOCK DANCE: REAL FEATHER TAIL OPERATED BY A STRING!



7 SANKHA, THE CONCH.

