

# Basic Detail Report

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## Naxnok Mask

### Date

1870-1880

### Primary Maker

Tsimshian, Nishga?, Gitksan?

### Medium

Wood (alder, possibly), cord

### Description

Naxnok, or “the power beyond the human,” is the energy that drives the universe. It is personified in spirit beings that are represented by animals, birds, sea creatures and people. Family and clan lineage transfers the names of these spirit beings to those who inherit the right to wear them. Naxnok masks are used to tell stories of origin and

creation.

### Dimensions

Overall: 9 3/4 × 8 × 6 1/2 in. (24.8 × 20.3 × 16.5 cm)