

WHY THE EMU CANNOT FLY.

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Win-ni-ni, the Emu, and Kal-bain, the Pigeon, were womba (men) and had a great fight. Winnini was a dark-haired womba from the Pin-dan-a booroo (inland bush country). Kalbain was a fair-haired womba from Koo-jang-oo-roo (coast country).

Kalbain put a sting-ray string (mung-ala) on his spear. Winnini got a stone-headed bamboo spear (jinnal), and he also had a long yoong-gara (throwing stick). But Kalbain had a very good koor-ili lanji (boomerang made from the wood of the koorili tree).

He threw this lanji at Winnini, and it cut off both his arms. Kalbain said, "You will always have to run along the ground, while I can fly far away."

Bye-and-bye, when they changed into birds, Winnini had no arms to turn into wings, and he could never fly.

Since that day, whenever they meet, Pindana-womba must fight Koojangooroo-womba.

WOMEN SHOULD NOT DO MEN'S WORK.

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At Yardagarra, between Broome and Lagrange Bay, are a great many white ants' nests.

In Yamminga time these were a lot of women who used to go out by themselves and hunt meat, and come home, and cut it up, and eat it. They did this for a long time.

Then Tchoo-roo (Snake) spoke to them about it. He said, "You know you should not hunt for meat food. That is men's work. You must go and get mai (vegetable food)."

But the women still went out to hunt for wallee (meat), and at last Tchooroo turned them into jiddi-joonoo (ants' nests). They had broken the law. Tchooroo was the Old Man of the Law at Yardagarra, and so he punished them.