

Aboriginal Artist Collection

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ARTWORK Yankirri Jukurrpa II
(Emu Dreaming - Ngarlikurlangu)

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ARTWORK STORY

This particular site of the Yankirri Jukurrpa, (Emu Dreaming [Dromaius novaehollandiae]) is at Ngarlikurlangu, north of Yuendumu. This Jukurrpa story belongs to Jangala/Jampijinpa men and Nangala/Nampijinpa women.

The 'yankirri' travelled to the rockhole at Ngarlikurlangu to find water. In the time of the Jukurrpa there was a fight at Ngarlikurlangu between a 'yankirri' ancestor and Wardilyka (Australian bustard [Ardeotis australis]) ancestors over sharing the 'yakajirri'.

In contemporary Warlpiri paintings traditional iconography is used to represent the Jukurrpa, associated sites and other elements. Emus are usually represented by their 'wirliya' (footprints), arrow-like shapes that show them walking around Ngarlikurlangu eating 'yakajirri' (bush raisin [Solanum centrale]). There is also a dance for this Jukurrpa that is performed during initiation ceremonies.

