

Other notes and fragments of myths re Mingari

Nyiruna or Mingari, a very big kungga, travelled north, and wherever Mingari sat down to make guna (excreta) she left babies. She told them they must not speak or whistle or they would not live. The babies were called Yulana or Yulain (spirits).

Nyiruna went into the ground allinjerra (north).

At Anmunggu gabbi a burnda dhugurr (ancestral stone image) of Nyiruna sits down. All the babba east of Anmunggu are dhugurr babba and are quiet and can be tamed and must not be killed. All babba west and north of Anmunggu may be killed for they are different. Babba are now in the sky near Kanyala and Maalu, allinjerra (north). They can be seen only at Anmunggu, not south of it (Ursa Major?). Jurrjurr babba are also near and Mingari's babba all in one part of the sky, north, near Kanyala.