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Winnini and Kalbain were men Yamminga time and had a great fight. Kalbain put a stingaree's mungala (sting) on his mung-oorl and Winnini got a bamboo jinnal (serrated stone-headed spear) and he also had a long yoongara (throwing stick) which Kalbain did not have. Kalbain had however koorili lanji (boomerangs made from koorili tree). Kalbain threw the koorili lanji at Winnini and cut off his nimala (arms) with it and when they turned into birds, Winnini had no arms to make wings, so that they can never fly. Kalbain said to him, You will always have to run along the ground now, while I can fly away."

Winnini came from Banni-abulu (East) and Kalbain was a koolarrabuloo (Western) womba.

WINNINI THE EMU AND KALBAIN THE PIGEON

A North West Australian Myth

In the Yamminga times of long, long ago Winnini the Emu and Kalbain the Pigeon were womba (men) and had a great fight. Winnini was a Pindana and Kalbain a koojanguru. Kalbain put a stingaree string (mung-ala) on his spear and Winnini got a serrated stoneheaded bamboo spear (jinnal) and he also had a long yoong-gara (throwing stick) which Kalbain did not have, but he had a ver, good koorili lanji (boomerang made from koorili tree) and when they fought Kalbain threw his koorili lanji at Winnini and the lanji cut both his arms so that by and by when they changed into birds, Winnini had no arms to turn into wings and so he could never fly. Kalbain said to him, "You will always have to run along the ground while I can fly far away.

Winnini was a dark-haired womba from the Pindana boeroo (inland country) and Kalbain was a lammar nalma (fairheaded) womba from koojanguru (the coast) and the koojanguru or kularrabulu womba must always fight the Pindana womba.