

THE MEAT-HUNTING JANDU

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At Yardagurra (between Broome and Le Grange Bay) there 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 - men's work - and come home and cut it up and eat it. They did this for a long time and at length Tchooroo (snake) spoke to them about it.

He said, "You know you should not hunt for neat food. That is men's work. You must get mai (vegetable food)," but the women continued to hunt for wallee, and at last Tchooroo turned them into jiddi joonoo (ants' nests). All the jiddi joonoo at Yardagurra were jandu Yamminga time, but they broke the hunting law, which Tchooroo had to uphold, and so he punished them.