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BUSTARD DREAMING



'My Dreaming – Bush Turkey – see the tracks – he goes there and there – all over my country – he makes tracks on this big soakage on my country'

Cowboy Louie Pwerle, Aboriginal elder, Utopia Station

Australian Aboriginal belief systems are based on the Dreaming, a period when ancestral beings inhabited the earth and created the landscape and all its plants and animals. During this time, Aboriginal Law was established bringing meaning and order to the world. According to tradition, laws and beliefs are passed down between generations orally, therefore Aboriginal cultures are rich with stories and legends. Many stories relate to the creation of plants and animals, and often tell of particular physical features, behaviours or other aspects of a species' ecology. Often, these stories also have underlying moral lessons.