



We love our animal family learn to say their names in Wahlubal Aboriginal Language

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These animal names in this book were taught to me by Uncle Harry Walker, many thanks to him for sharing his language with us.

* as Aboriginal language was never written, we have spelt them out phonetically, the way they sound, as best we can. Please note, that they are only a guide for pronunciation.

Uncle Harry Walker Wahlubal Elder, Rocky River Tabulum, NSW

It is the intention of this project, in alignment with Uncle Harry Walkers' wishes to create a learning resource for school children, particularly in the Bundjalung Region, where it is still spoken and understood by many families to some extent.

Also, there are many Aboriginal Elders who have partial remembrance of Language, and are keen to rekindle the use of their family Language for sharing with their children and childrens' children.

As a part of this project, we would like to see a 'learning place' website established with the ability to grow with different language groups who may want to contribute. This website would be a resource to home schooling, and culturally sensitive people who may be interested to carry the learning of the language and help to keep culture alive and well.



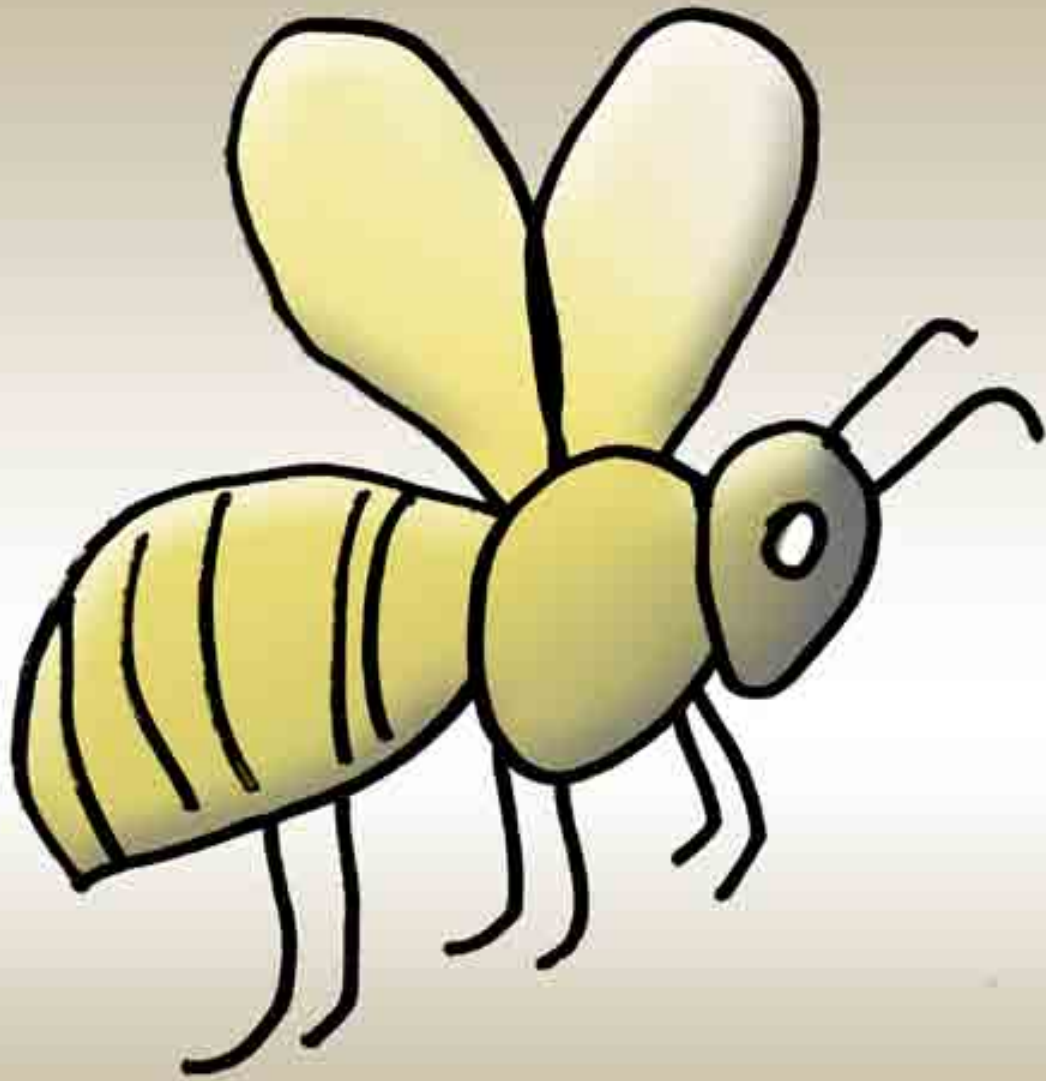
With much love I acknowledge the Bundjalung traditional custodians of the land on which we live and learn together, and commit to building relationships that respect and nurture Aboriginal culture.

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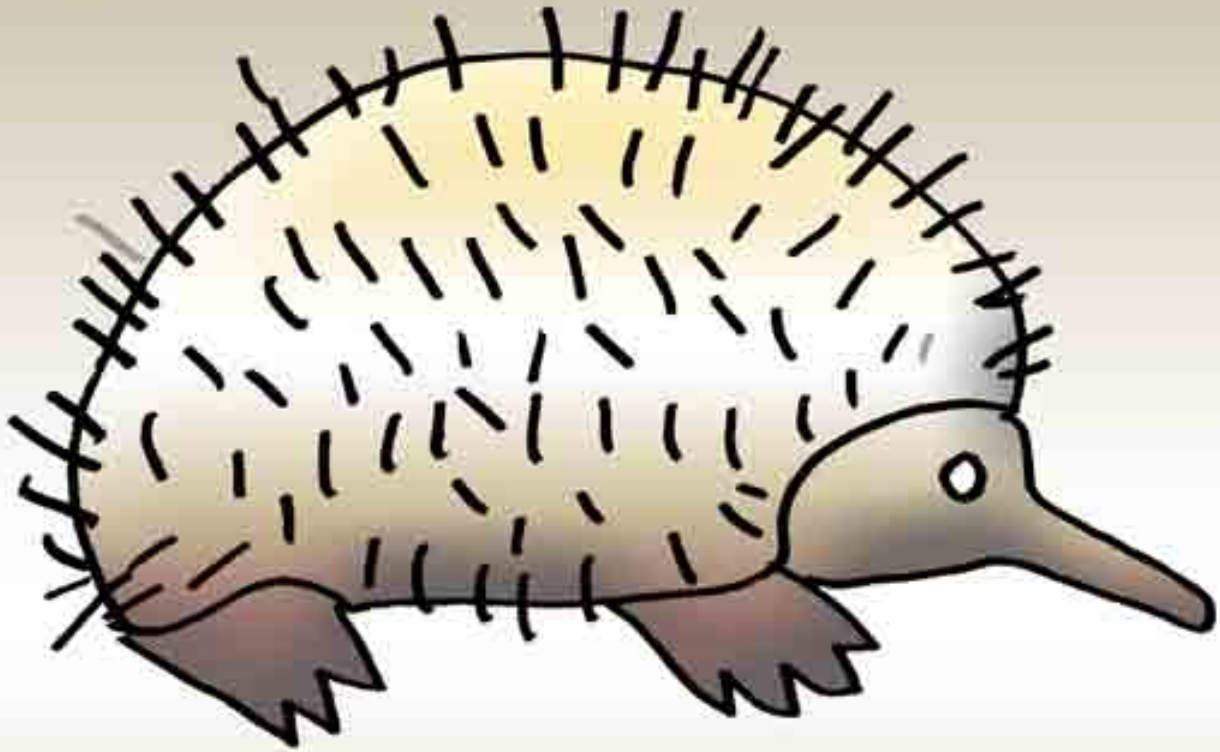
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jumbalang native bee



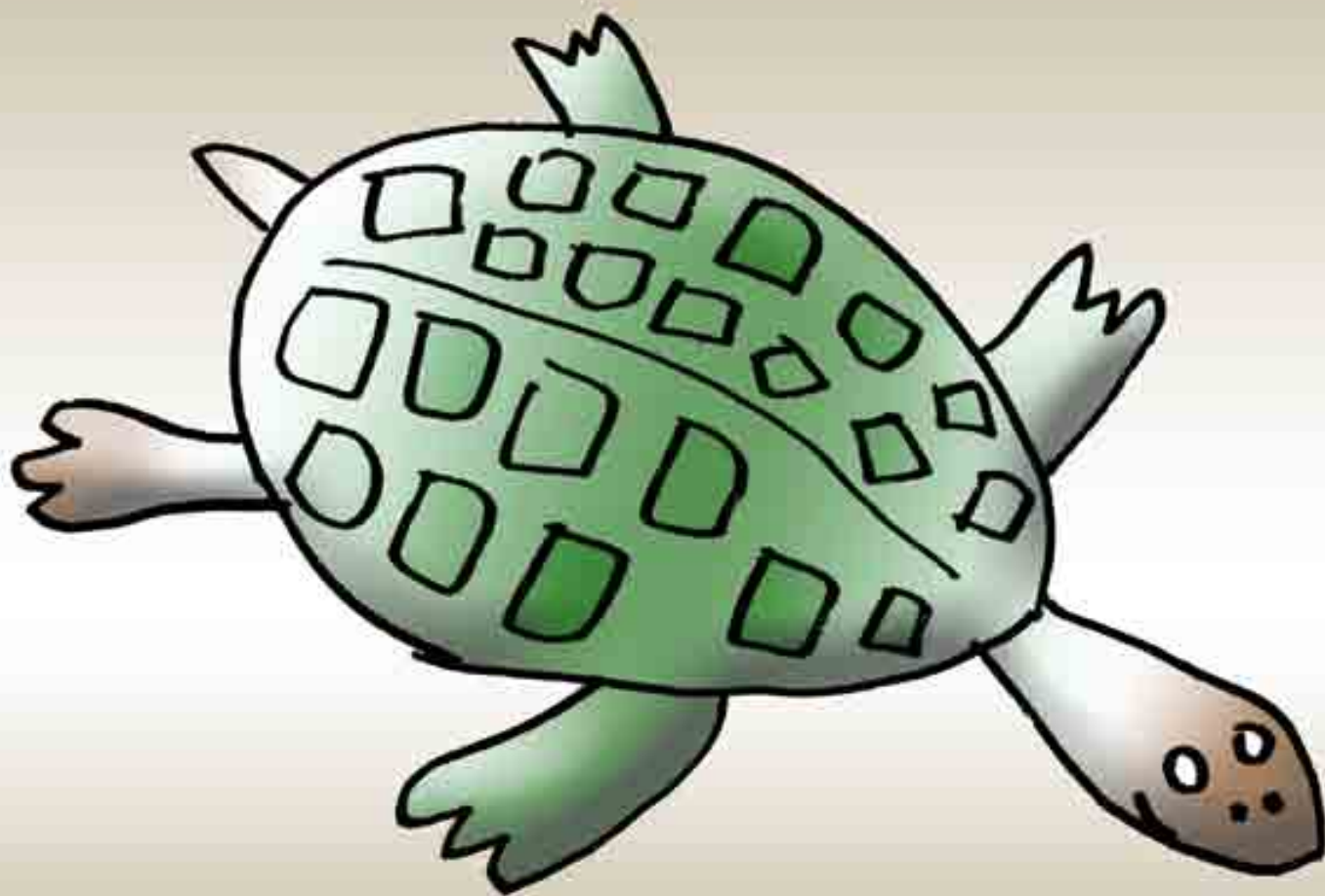
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jenna jenna echidna



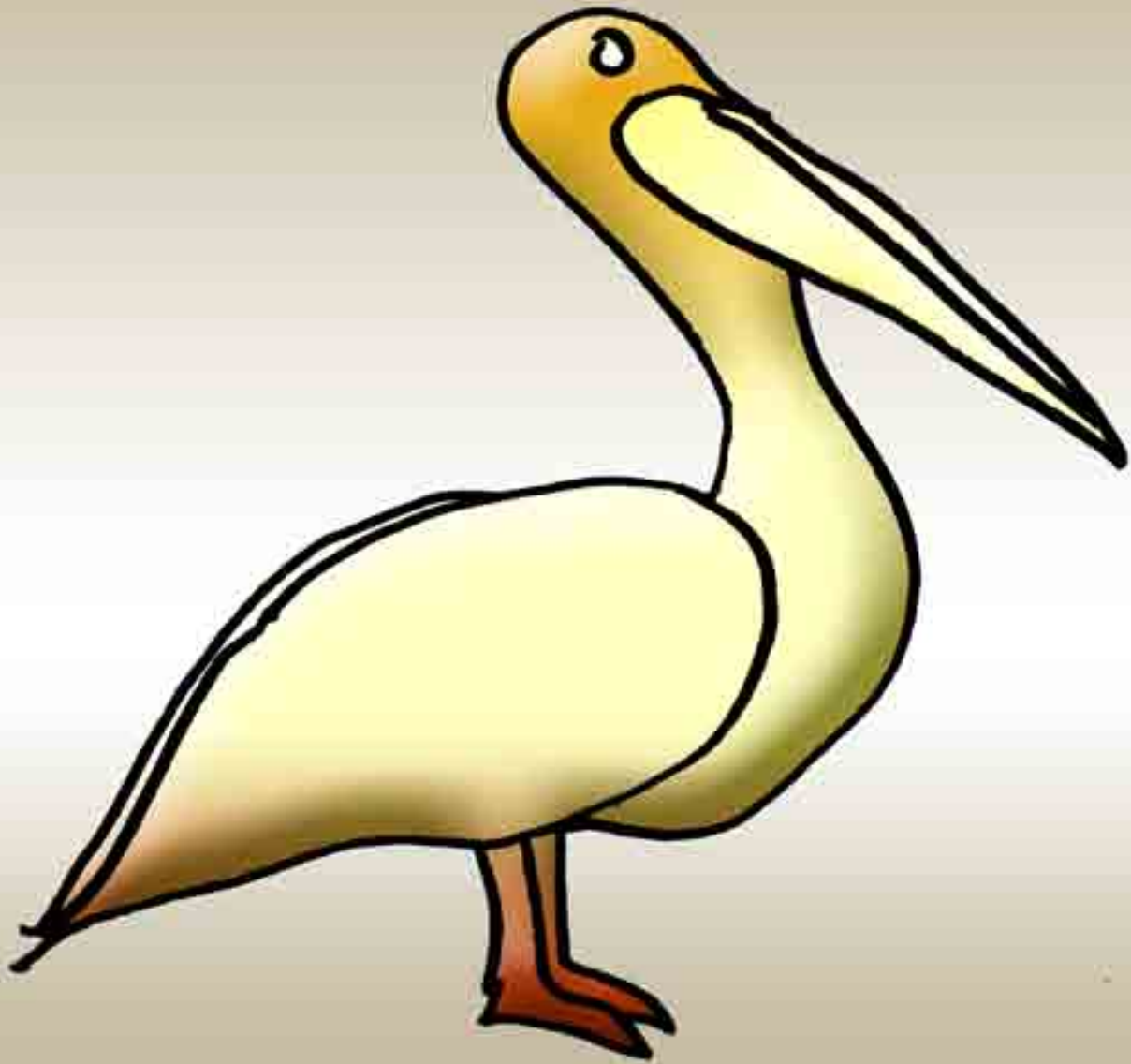
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binging turtle



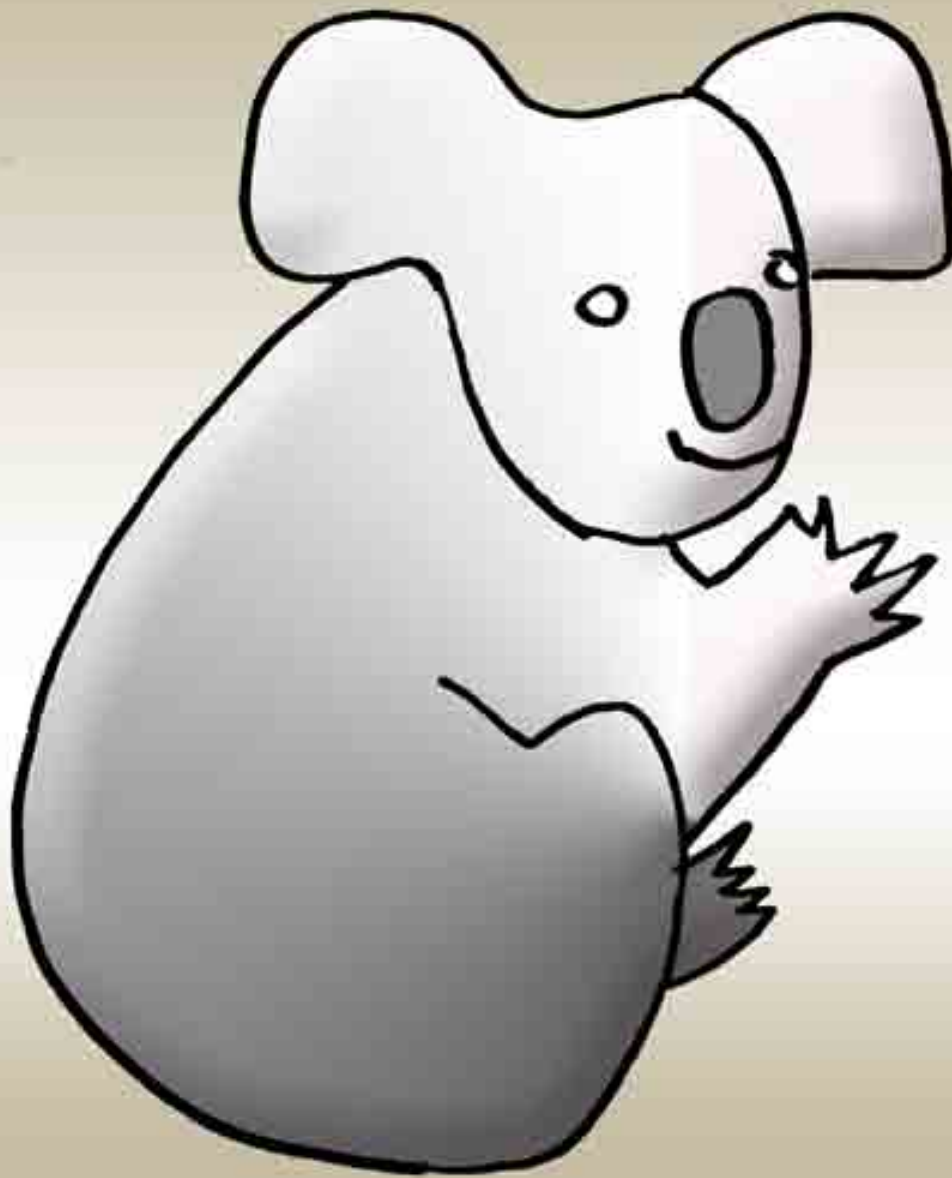
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bugunga pelican



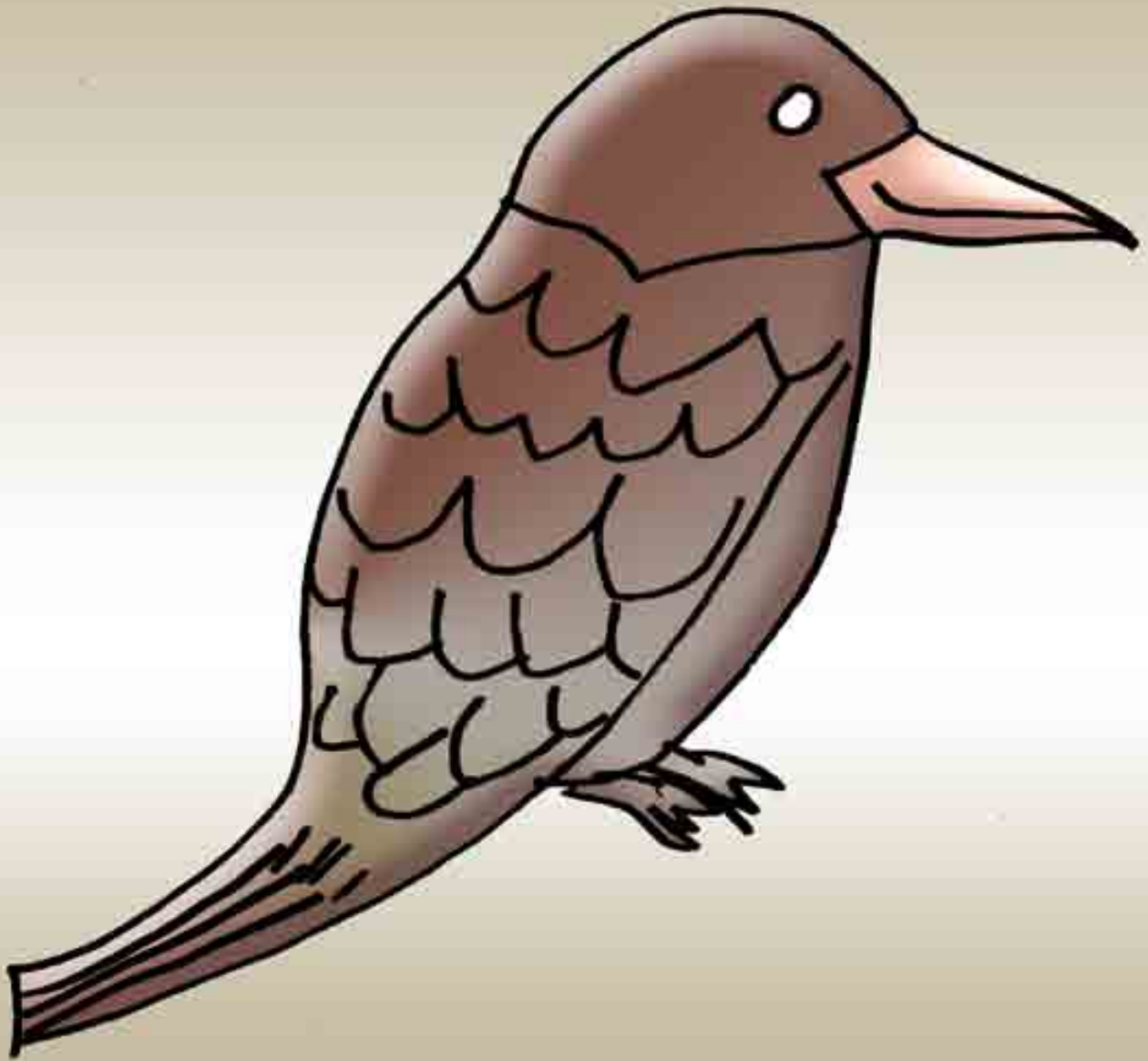
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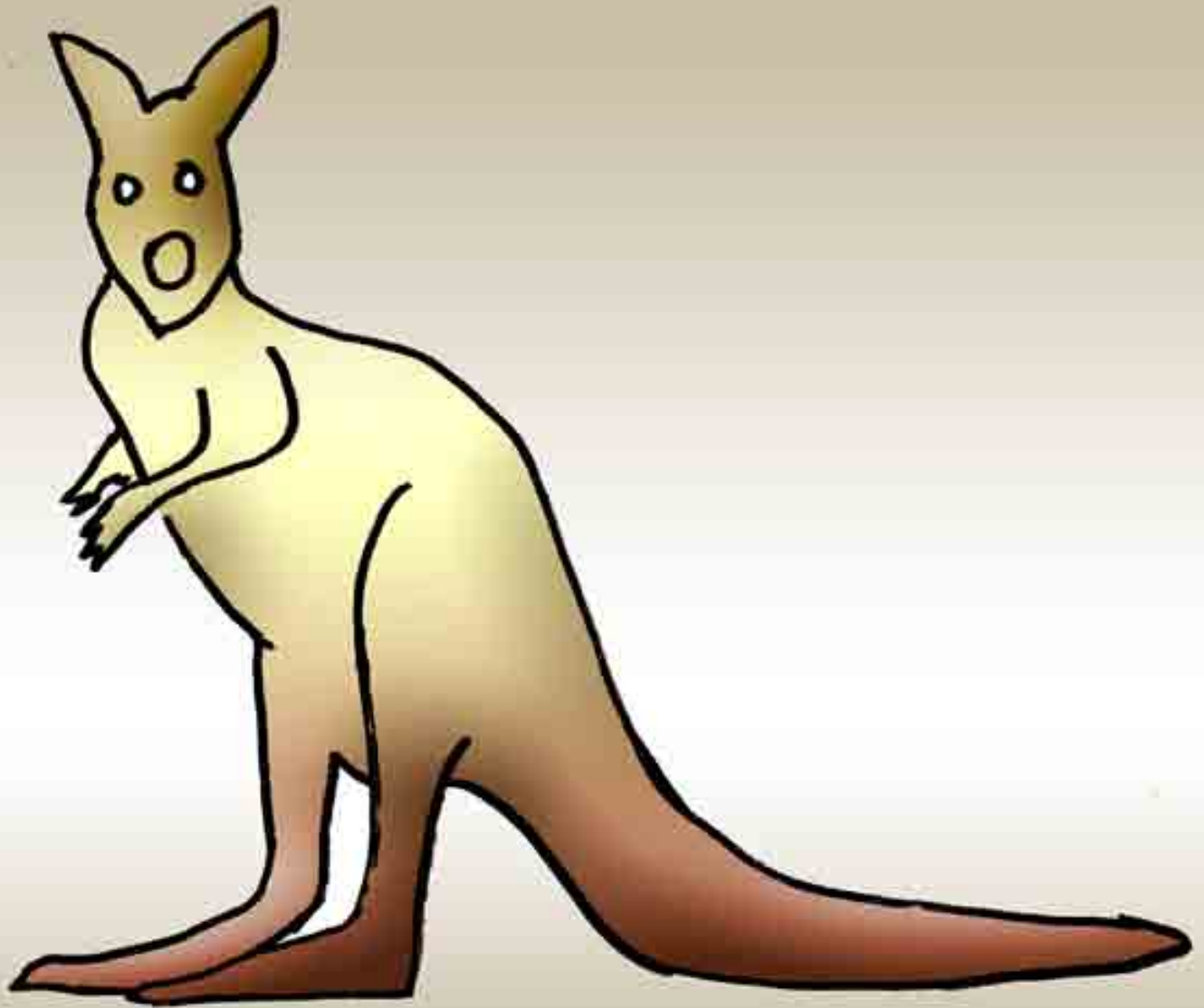
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gargoon kookaburra



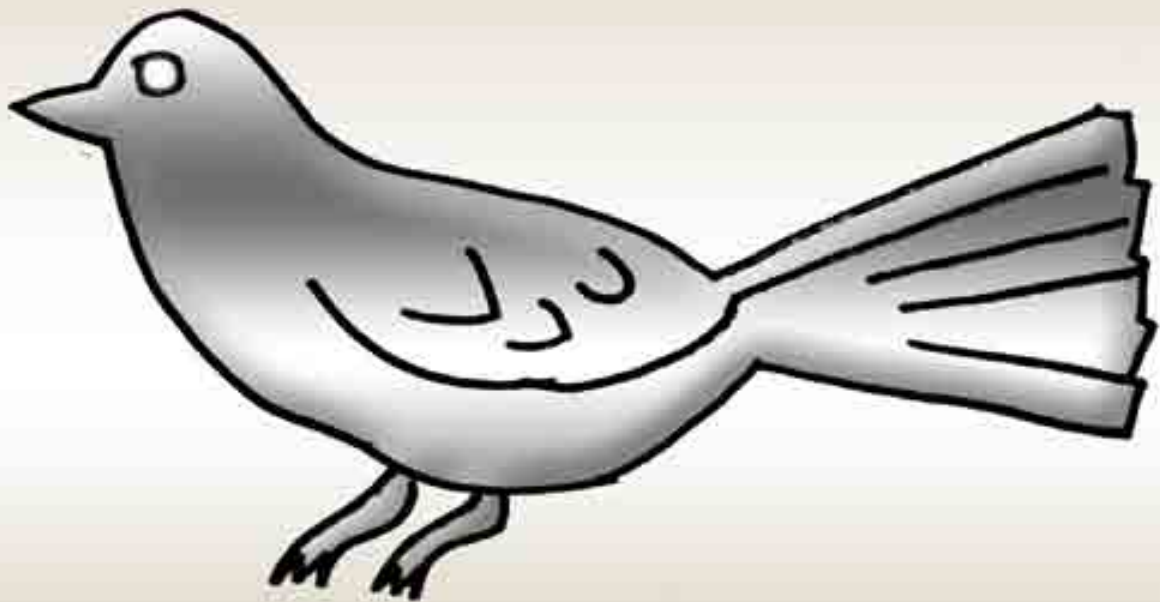
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giddahbalm walaby



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jiddah jiddah willy wagtail



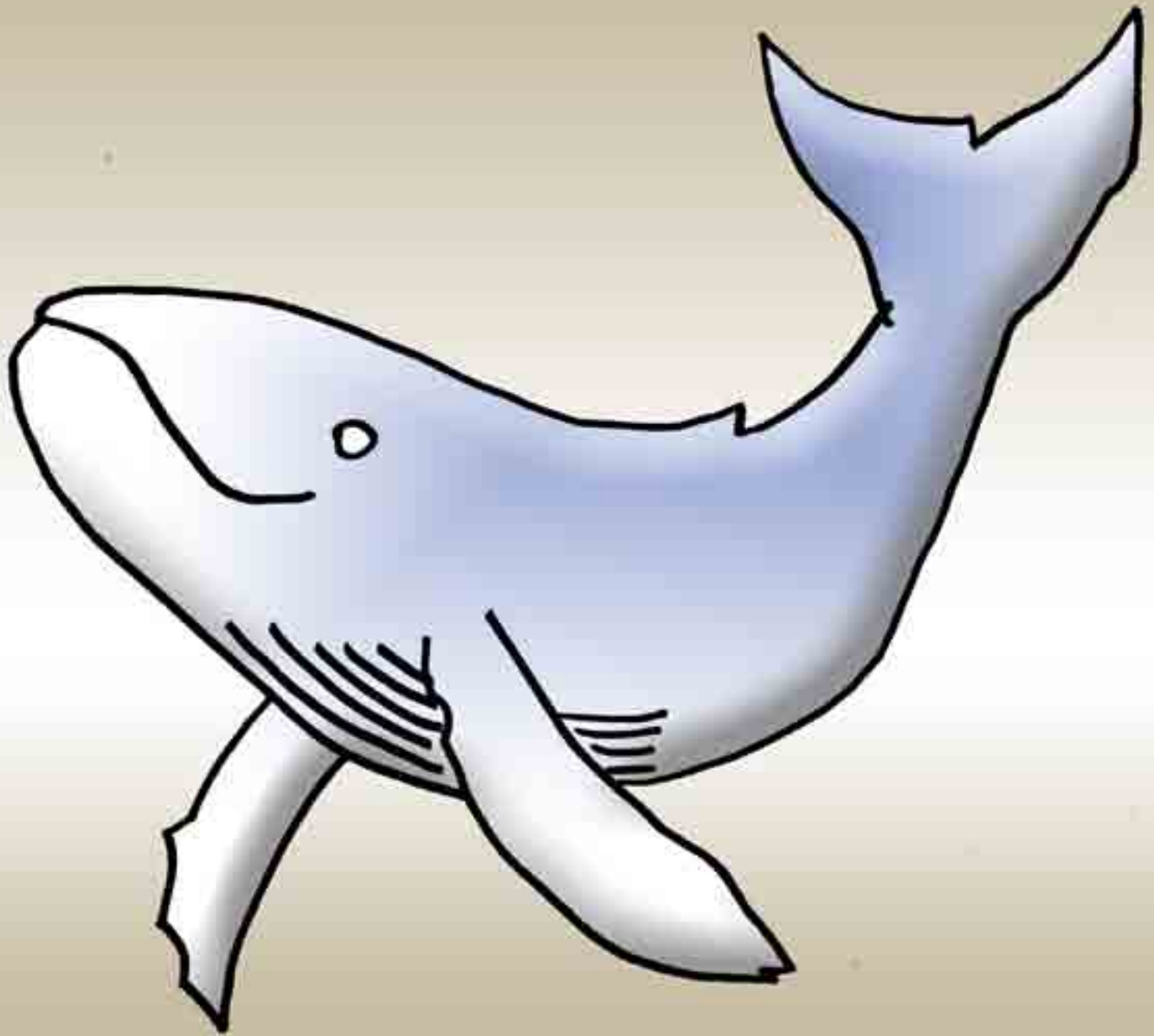
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waylard black cockatoo



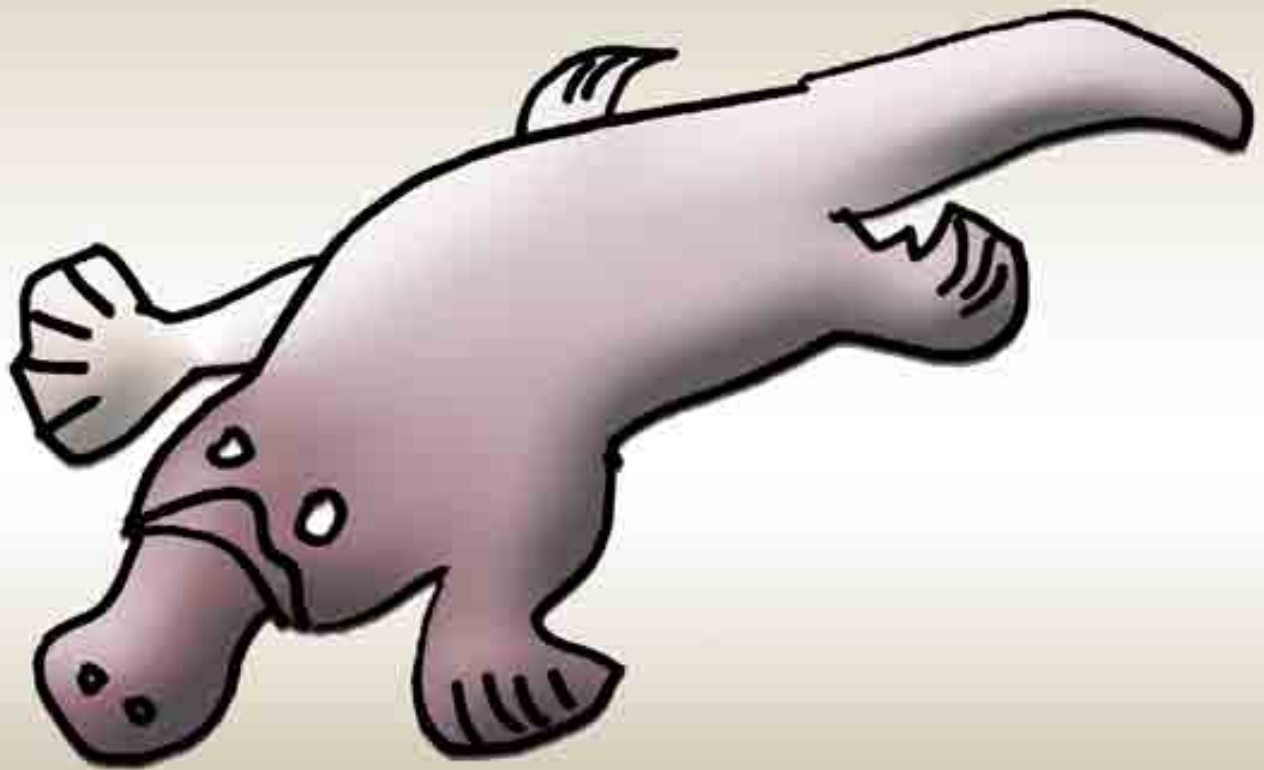
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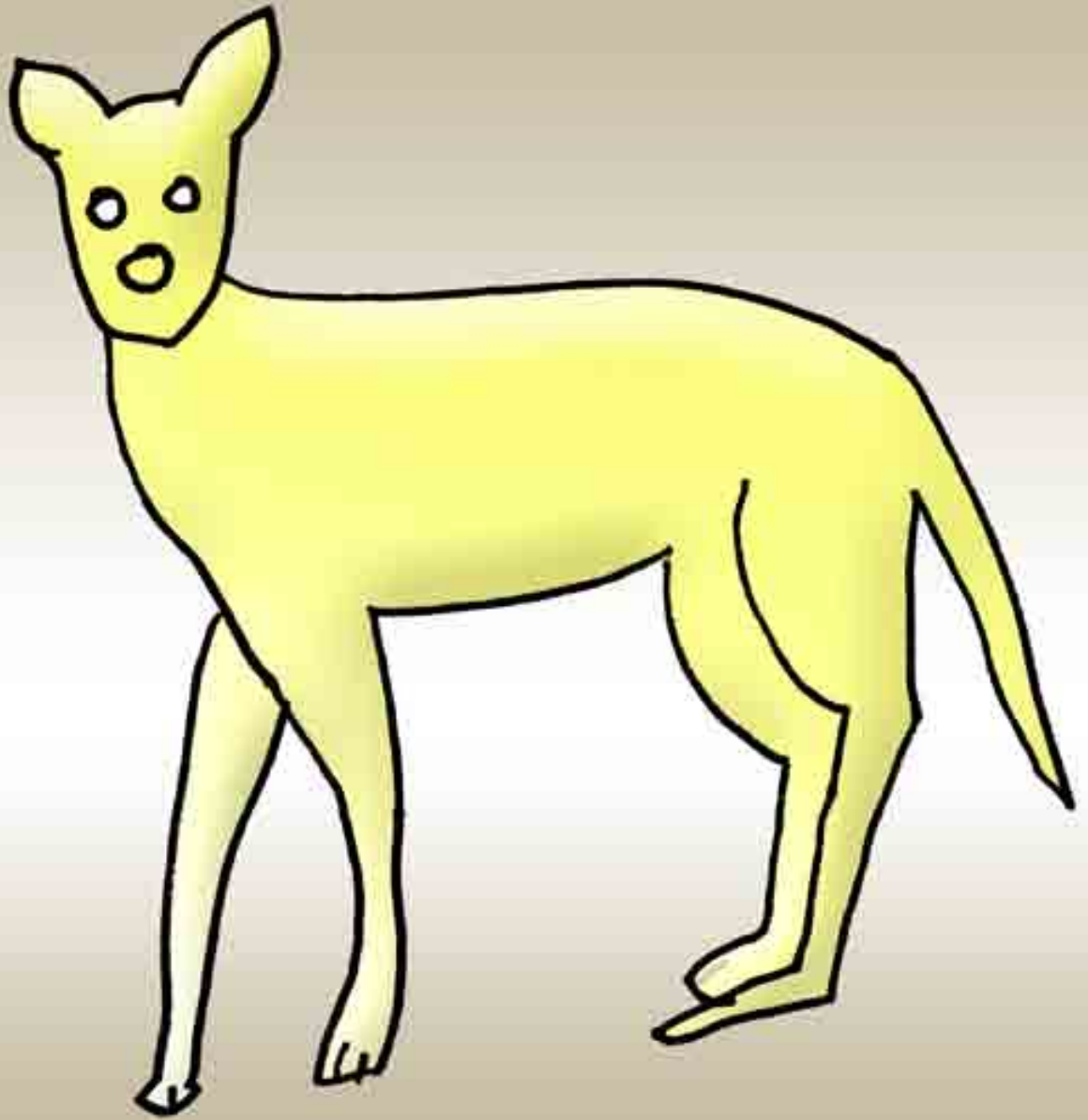
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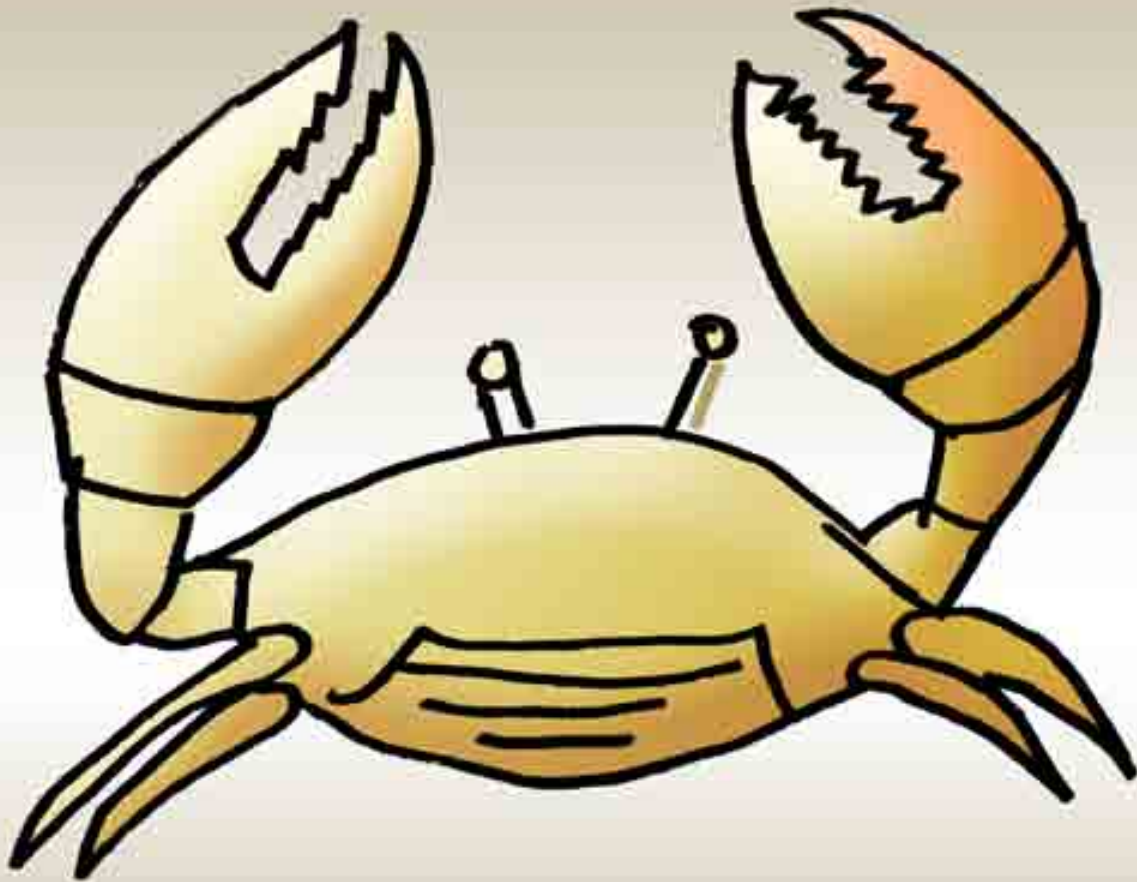
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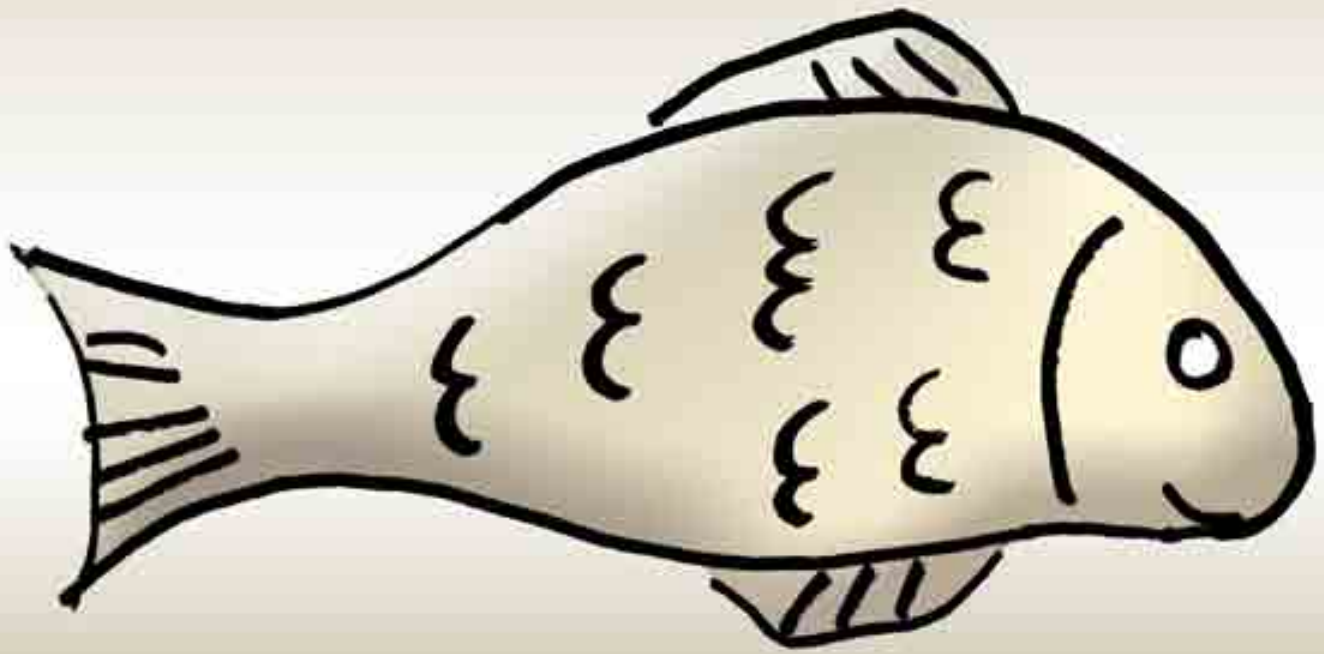
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mugar crab



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julum fish



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june june owl



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muddarm frillneck lizard



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giddingbalm cicada



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minbingun eagle



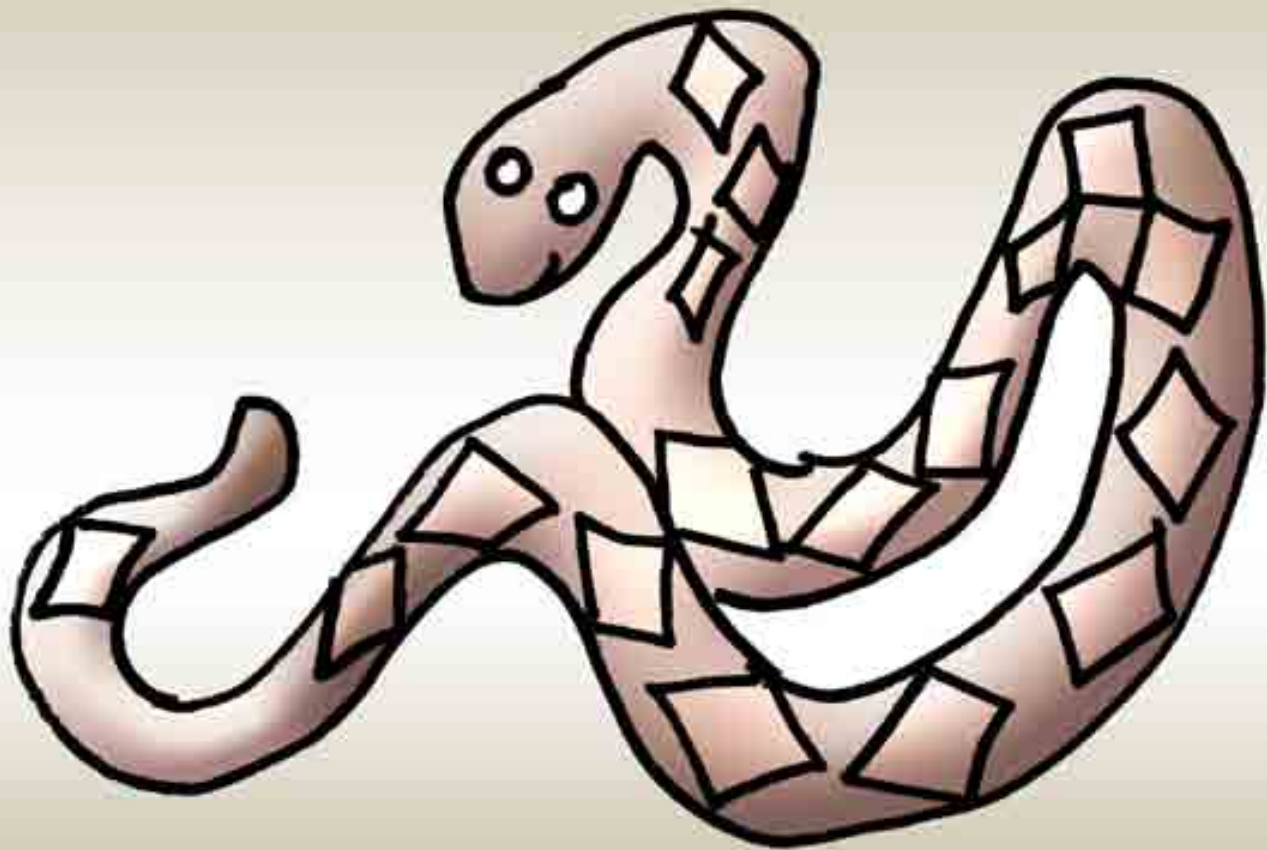
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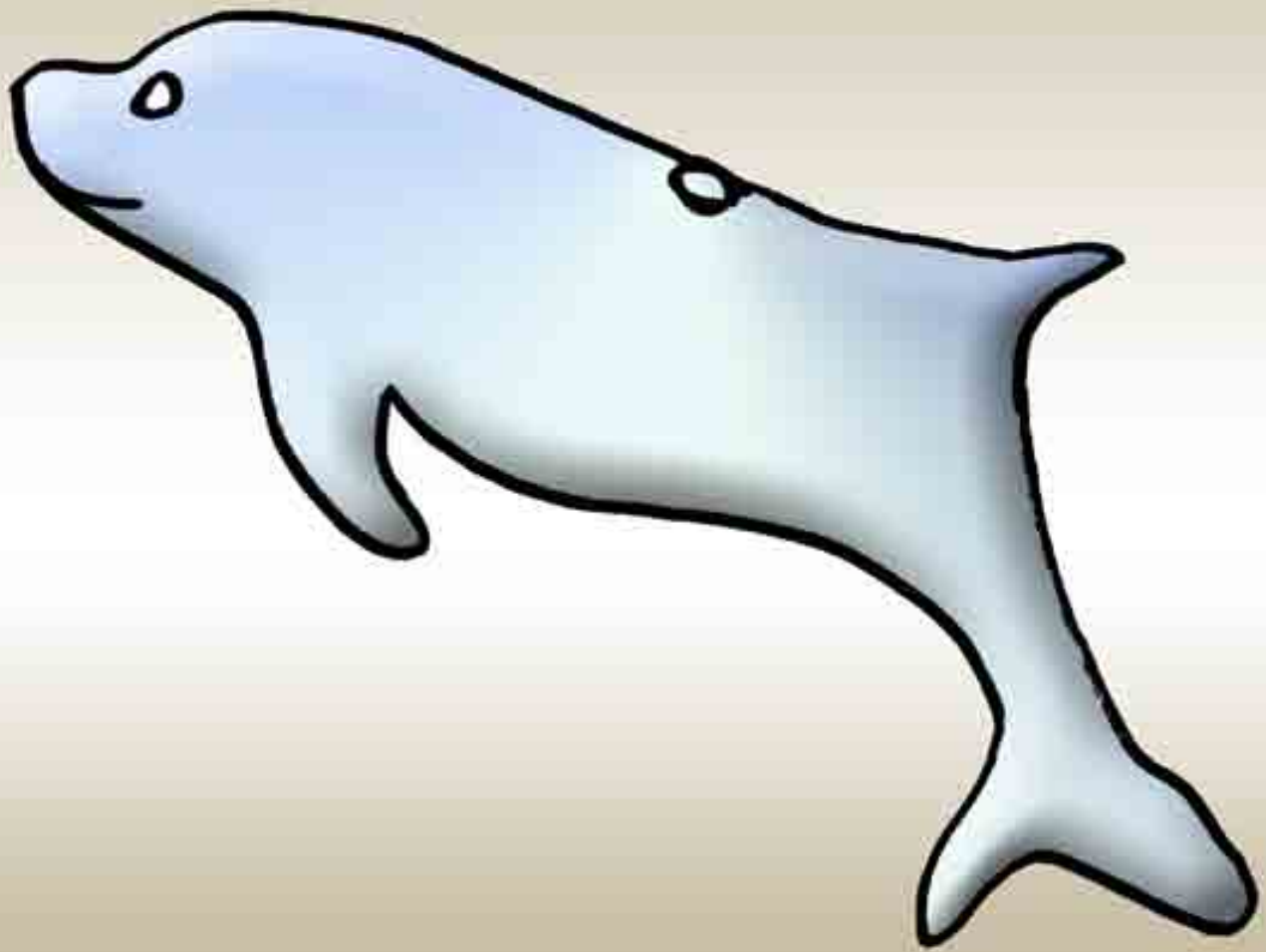
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yambar carpet snake



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woy woy dolphin



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i have a great passion and love for
Aboriginal people, culture & this beautiful country

There are assumed to be well over 700 distinct language groups in Australia prior to European Invasion.¹ Of these at least 250 languages have been recorded. The dramatic impact on the languages of Aboriginal people from European settlement has been vast. Aboriginal people were taken from their own areas/language boundaries to the areas of others.

Many language groups were encamped together causing conflict and mixing their own languages. Aboriginal people on missions were banned from using their own languages.² Maintenance of these languages was generally left to just a few..

Nowadays there is a greater comprehension of the importance of Aboriginal Language. The close ties language has with The Dreaming. Spirit Beings and the land have often been misunderstood and misrepresented. Contemporary land rights execute such evidence of the great relationship between language boundaries, the land, social and spiritual beliefs. The Dreaming and the Language are inseparably One.

1 sourced from www.info.com

2 sourced from www.somewhereonthenet.com