

Artist Collection



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ARTWORK Wanakiji Jukurrpa Brown
(Bush Tomato Dreaming)

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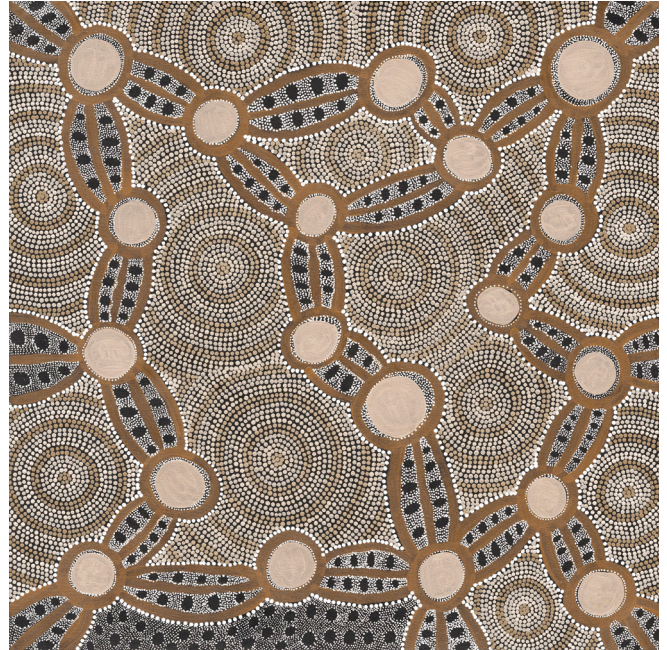
ARTWORK STORY

This artwork represents the Dreaming that travels through Yaturlu (near Mount Theo, north of Yuendumu).

'Wanakiji' grows in open spinifex country and is a small, prickly plant with purple flowers that bears green fleshy fruit with many small black seeds. After collecting the fruit, the seeds are removed with a small wooden spoon called 'kajalarra'.

The fruit then can be eaten raw, or threaded onto skewers called 'turlturpa' before being cooked over a fire. 'Wanakiji' can also be skewered and left out to dry, which is known as 'turlturpa', and when prepared using this method the fruit can be kept for a long period of time.

In contemporary Warlpiri paintings, traditional iconography is used to represent the Jukurrpa, particular sites, and other elements. The Wanakiji Jukurrpa belongs to Napanangka/ Napangardi women and Japanangka/Japangardi men.



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