

WADDARNGUR AND MINNIGIT

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A BRIDGETOWN LEGEND

Waddarngur (wattle bird) and Minnijit (robin) were demma goomber in Nyitting times. Waddarngur kept all the warr (female kangaroos) hidden away so that he could get one whenever wished, but he let the yonggar go away. Minnijit asked Waddarngur where all the warr had gone, for he said, "I can find yonggar, but I like warr to eat as well. Where can I find warr?" Waddarngur said, "Ngan kuttitch burt." ("I don't know.") "Bal koolyumitch," ("He is telling lies,") said Minnijit to himself, so he hid in a tree and watched Waddarngur, and by and by he saw Waddarngur go to a big hole, and stooping down, he took a warr out of the hole where he kept them all hidden, and carried the warr to his cave. "Now," said Minnijit, "I know where he keeps the warr, and I will go and let them all out," and Minnijit went to the hole and let all the warr out, and they spread all over the place, and that is why there are now plenty warr in the Bridgetown district. If it had not been for Minnijit, there would have been no warr, only yonggar.