

THE CROW AND THE EAGLEHAWK

Guildford Version

The Crow wanted water very badly but could not get any though he looked everywhere. The eaglehawk had plenty of water but wouldn't let the crow know where it was. So the crow watched the eaglehawk in order to find out where the water was. The eaglehawk went out hunting and killed a kangaroo and brought it home to his family. His two boys were at home and the crow asked them where the water was but the boys wouldn't tell him. When the eaglehawk brought the kangaroo home, he put it in the hut and went for some water. The water was in a flat rock and covered up, and when he drank a big drink he covered it up again.

The crow saw him drink and said, "Ha! I see the water now." The eaglehawk went back to his hut and cooked his meat, and ate it. Meanwhile the crow went to where the water was, lifted up the lid and drank as much as he could. As soon as he had finished drinking, he put plenty kolo (lice) into the water, and these kolo multiplied exceedingly and covered over and spoiled the water. Then the crow went away to a long distance and after a time came back and finding the eaglehawk asleep, he speared him. The eaglehawk died and went away to the big stone rocks at Albany and his two boys were left behind. They cried for their father but he would not answer them and the crow whistled and mocked them and said, "I can hear him, he is coming now," but the crow told a lie, for he did not hear the eaglehawk. So the boys died and became eaglehawks and the crow said, "Wah, wah," and flew away.