

# ABORIGINAL DARK CONSTELLATIONS

## Australia

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In several Australian Aboriginal peoples, (New South Wales) the best known constellation, is the so-called "Gawarrgay", the "Emu in the sky"

An Emu drawn by the dark clouds within the plane of the Milky Way, near the Southern Cross, form the head, and the body extends along the Milky Way to the galactic center in Scorpio and Sagittarius.



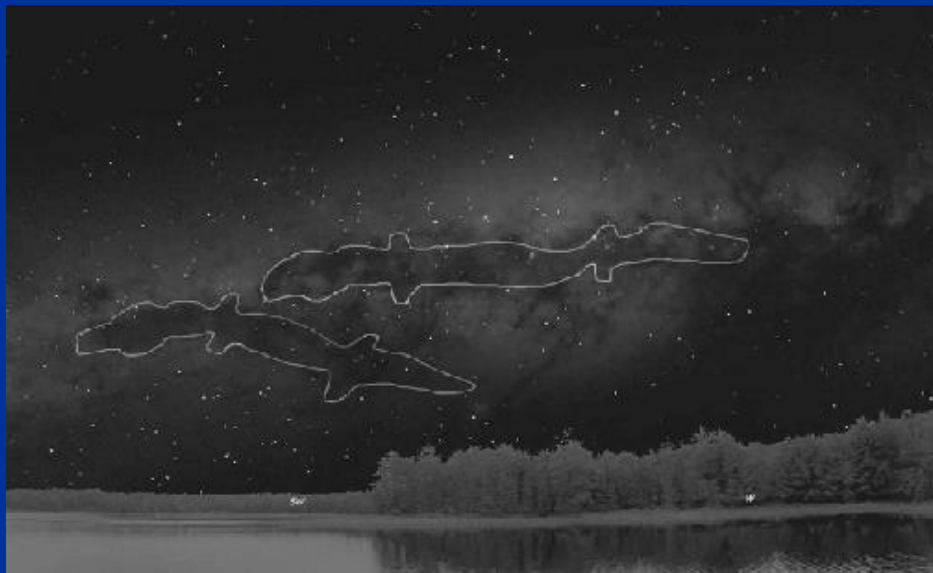


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Other constellations recognized by Australian peoples are the Kangaroo, located towards the tail of the Emú and beyond this constellation, the dark spaces of the Milky Way represent two crocodiles visible in late summer.



When the Emu and the Kangaroo start to put on, the crocodiles are very visible, the belly of the emu becomes the head of the first crocodile, and thus they recognized the moment to prepare the initiation ceremony, in September and October.



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