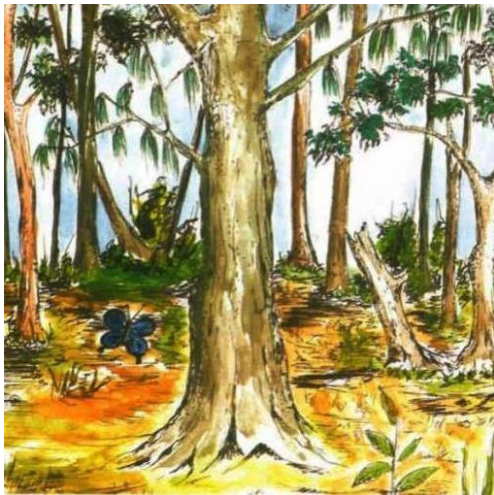


# How the Yarr Tree Moved from Bena Bena to Unggai - SL



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English

Traditional Story



A long time ago in the mountainous ranges of Unggai, the people had never seen a yarr tree.

At that time, there lived in Yabiufa village in Unggai, a bird called Hiya



While Hiya Nogo Nogo was singing, it noticed that the tree it was sitting on was very beautiful.

It had never seen a tree like it in its entire life.

It liked the tree so much that it stayed there until evening.





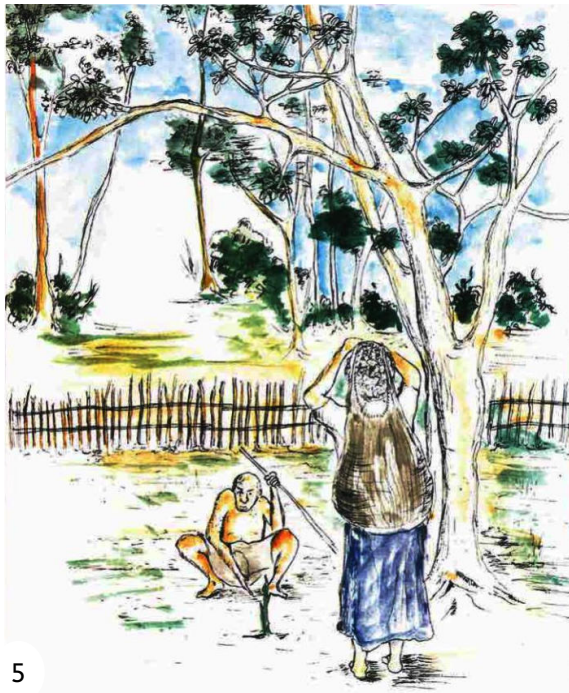
It decided to take some seeds of the tree back to its home. It took one of the branches with seeds and set off with it in its beak. When its beak began to hurt, it carried the branch with





Hiya Nogo Nogo rested on the top of a tree in the middle of a garden owned by an old man and his wife. It threw the seed down to the garden and left for home.





After a few days, the old man and his wife came to weed their garden. They discovered that some strange plants were growing there. They decided to leave the strange plants to see what would happen.





After three years the plants had grown to be huge trees. The people admired the trees so much they decided to take seeds and begin planting them in their gardens.

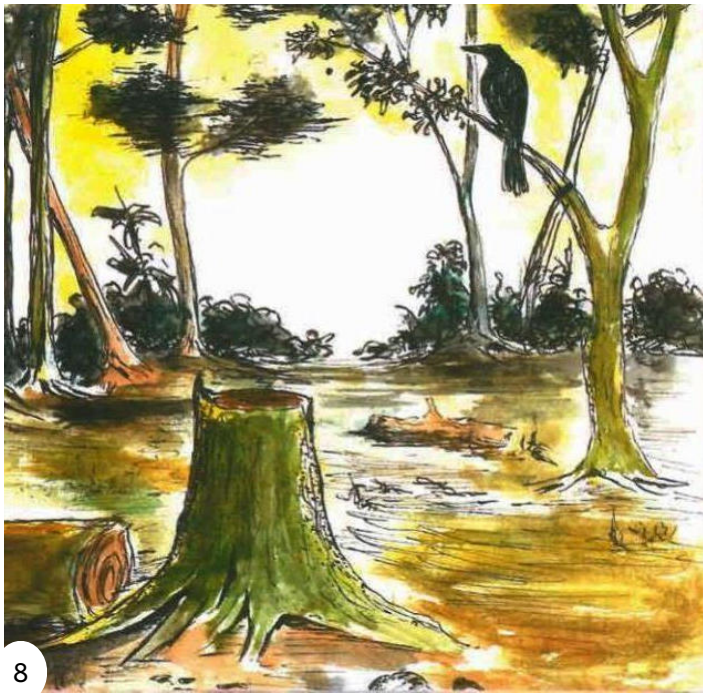




Soon many more people took interest in the trees and they started to spread all over Yabiufa and in all parts of Unggai.

Today, this tree is called Yarr





Wena wena kati  
Tiri tiri koumo  
Koyo wene wene  
Koyo wene wene

The song means, "I took this



# Check Your Understanding

1) What was the name of the bird in the story?

a) Hiya Nogo Nogo

b) Unggai

c) Yabiufa

d) Bena bena

## Check Your Understanding

2) Why did the bird take a trip to Bena Bena? What do you think it was hoping to find?

## Check Your Understanding

3) Can you think of another word for 'melody'?

## Check Your Understanding

4) Why do you think the bird gets upset when someone cuts down a Yarr tree?

## Check Your Understanding

5) Do you think the villages of Bena Bena and Yabiufa were close together? How do you know?

## Check Your Understanding

6) How did the people plant more Yarr trees?

## Check Your Understanding

7) The Yarr tree has many uses. Do you know another tree with many uses? What are they?

## Check Your Understanding

8) Write some instructions on how to plant a tree. Don't forget to include what you need and the steps to take.

## Secretary's Message

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