

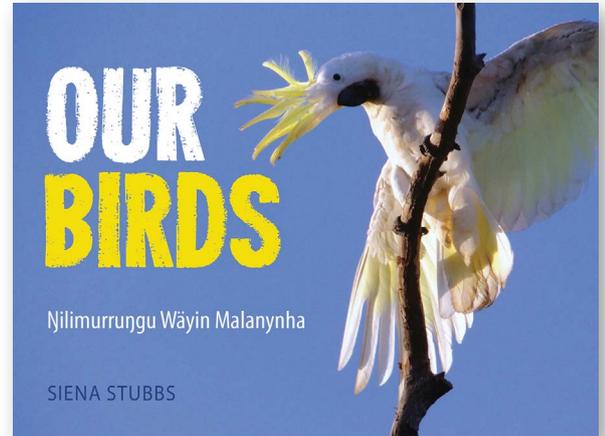
OUR BIRDS

A delightful book of photography by Siena Stubbs, a young Yolŋu woman who introduces us to her culture and home in North-east Arnhem Land

Our Birds is a delightful gift book of birds from around Yirrkala, which is Siena Stubbs' home in North-east Arnhem Land. The book includes the English and Yolŋu names of the birds and their Yolŋu moiety. Siena also shares some Yolŋu culture as she introduces amazing facts and peculiar habits.

In Yolŋu culture, everything is divided into two moieties: Yirritja and Dhuwa – and as a result all things are classified, from a body of water to a specific type of tree or bird. Birds give themselves their Yolŋu name by the sounds they make.

'There are so many birds in Arnhem Land it is difficult to keep count', says Siena, however she has been able to capture some for this whimsical little title. *Our Birds* includes beautifully captured landscapes from a child's perspective.



About the author and photographer



Siena Mayutu Wurmarri Stubbs is a young Yolŋu woman of the Gumatj clan of the Yirritja moiety. Her homeland is Buwaka. When Siena was 12, she took up photography on her iPad, but was gifted a camera from her aunty. In a short period of time, Siena was an avid photographer and had published her own book of birds. This book is the result of that inspiration.

See <http://ow.ly/DI0t30gUmlz> for an NITV interview with Siena, in which she talks about the original book she self published. Audio of Siena pronouncing bird names in Yolŋu is also available for download at <https://www.magabala.com/our-birds.html>



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