

## *What is the origin of Emu Oil?*

The oral history of the Australian Aborigine indicates their use of Emu Oil for over forty thousand years. They used Emu Oil to gain relief from minor aches and pains, to help heal wounds quicker, and protect their skin from the harsh elements of wind and sun.

Aborigines in Wiluna and elsewhere reveal that methods of treatment included hanging an emu skin on a tree to collect the oil, and wrapping sufferers in a fresh killed skin. In both cases the catalyst of the sun's heat was used to liquefy the Emu fat and enhance its absorption qualities.

The Aborigines introduced Emu Oil to the first Europeans as a natural sun screen and skin moisturizer. The use of Emu Oil was among many natural remedies adopted by settlers from the original inhabitants of Australia.

Use of Emu Oil was most prevalent in country areas where it was applied in the treatment of bruised and subcutaneous tissue, burns and dry skin problems.

It was not until recent history that Emu Oil was brought to the attention of modern man. The first report known was published in the Australian Post regarding experiments by Dr. Peter Gosh, Raymond Purves Bone and Joint Research Laboratories, University of Sydney at the Royal North Shore Hospital and Dr. Michael Whitehouse, Department of Pathology, University of Adelaide.

Today, studies regarding the properties of Emu Oil have expanded to prominent noted facilities/groups such as:

- ◆ Auburn University
- ◆ University of Massachusetts - Lowell
- ◆ Arthritis Clinic, Ardmore, OK
- ◆ Texas Tech. University
- ◆ Ball Memorial Hospital
- ◆ Timothy J. Harnar Burn Center
- ◆ Iowa State University
- ◆ American Oil Chemists Society (AOCS)

Our research indicates Emu Oil may also be endorsed by various members of these organization and institutes:

- ◆ Arthritis Foundation of Australia
- ◆ Australian Orthopedic Association
- ◆ Royal Society of Chemistry
- ◆ Australian & New Zealand Soc. For Connective Tissue
- ◆ Australian Rheumatism Association
- ◆ Australia Biochemical Society
- ◆ Royal Australian Chemical Institute

Studies and documentation continue with regard to Emu Oil. The above references have recognized the potential abilities of Emu Oil in a variety of fields, and the Emu Oil Institute will continue to post all updated material as it becomes available.