



ARTIST

RUSSELLINA
PURUNTATAMERI

TITLE

YINGWATI SUGARBAG

REGION

TIWI ISLANDS



Russellina Puruntatameri, a proud Tiwi woman from the Tiwi Islands which is 80kms north of Darwin. Russellina developed her artistic skills from her family back home, where she grew up at Pirlangimpi Garden point, at the Munupi Arts Centre, by watching and listening to their stories.

Yingwati is the Tiwi word for sugarbag or wild honey. This is a Tiwi delicacy, produced by the Tree Sugarbag Bee. This is collected during Kumunupunari, dry season. Indigenous Australians have been harvesting food from the bush for thousands of years, and sugarbag honey from native Australian bees is a popular form of bush tucker.