

why the old Cherokees all believe that when they see this bird singing on top of the tree, it will rain. That's all the power he was given. The shrike came up and said, "All I want is to be an expert dance caller." He was given that power. Said the people long ago, "The Eagle was the ruler of the earth, but Thunder was the ruler of the whole universe, and they got together to decide if all the birds distributed powers were going to be satisfactory." So, said the people of long ago. That's all I know." So, Thunder was the ruler of the whole universe. Now, this is the origin of corn--unless you have some questions. There's many versions but this little different slant to it, I believe. Now, this story tells this: "I think that these stories, the ones that have been told, are very interesting. From my childhood, they have been interesting to me. At one time, there was an old lady who had two grandsons. These two grandsons were always hunting. They hunted deer and wild turkey, and the family always had plenty to eat. Later on, after many hunting trips, when they got ready to go hunting early in the morning, they were cleaning their guns. When the grandmother noticed that they were ready to go hunting, she said to them, "You are getting ready to go hunting." She went to them where they were cleaning their guns outside the fenced-in yard. When the grandmother came to them where they were busily cleaning their guns. She said to them, "I see that you're going hunting again." "Yes, we're going to hunt again today." "Well, when you come back, I'll have the most delicious of dinners ready. I'm going to cook all the old meat which is stored in the smoke house. I'm going to put in something they call corn, and we're going to drink the broth from it," she said to the young men. "All right, that'll be fine,"