

THROWSTICK

The Throwstick is the most universally used hunting weapon by hunter gather people. Found on every continent and in every bioregion. Like all primitive skills it's prevalence is a testament to its effectiveness. Because of its rotational flight it offers a wide killing range. Throwing sticks are typically from a hardwood branch and end weighted for blunt trauma.

With advanced aerodynamics, cross sections, weighting and hardening principles we move into the realm of the NRB or Non Returning Boomerang. Called Rabbit Sticks by the Hopi, these weapons were built to sail just above the ground for distances of up to 100 yards. 14 oz of hardwood propelling forward with centrifugal force is fully capable of breaking the femur of a large mammal.

The most advanced throwing stick is made by the Aboriginal people of Australia, the Boomerang. With a sharp 90 degree angle and advanced design principles of convexity the boomerang was designed to hang in flight and even change directions. The result was a lethal weapon for hunting aerial animals like fruit bats.

Whichever weapon you choose, the main factor is practice. Practice with different designs, different species of wood, and in different terrains and weather conditions. As far as hitting a target with a throwing stick, the learning curve is rapid. Getting close enough to harvest an animal, however, may take years of practice in tracking, and stalking. Now is the time to begin learning. Survival Skills are virtually worthless as theory. Like martial arts they must be practiced, trained and honed until they become instinctual. The throwing stick is universally approved by children as the most fun!

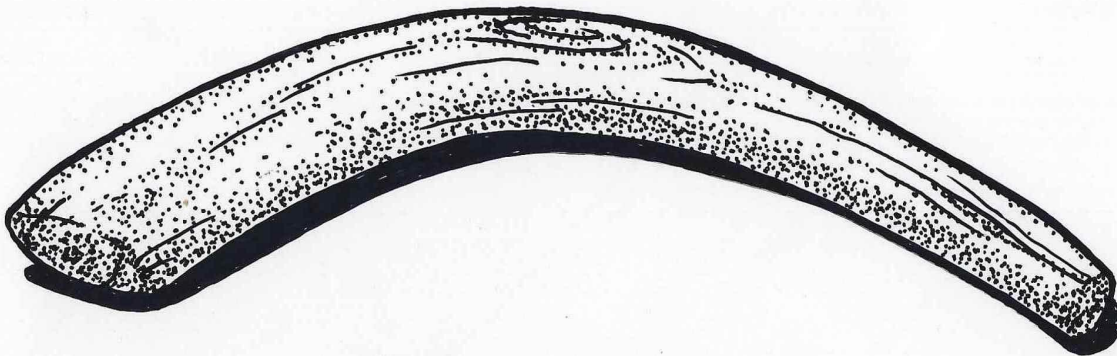
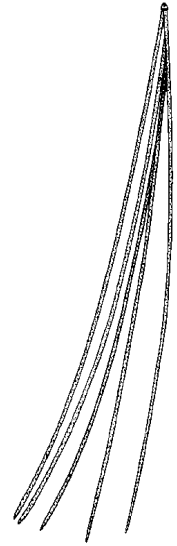
We would like to bring our minds together in gratitude to Benjamin Scott the founder of throwsticks.com for the incredible work he has done in the realm of experimental archeology in order to keep this Guild alive.

The following designs come from his incredible research.

These challenges include design replication as well as throwing.

White Pine Youtube Throwstick Guild

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL6cF8eGs4ZB5B6O8ypE8Dvq-FVf2G2KFN>



whale's tail 2

The Whale's Tail is a serious hunting Throwstick designed for straight flights out to at least 70 yds.

The centered weight distribution allows for this larger stick to be handled with greater ease, making this model great for beginners. Historically this shape was chosen because it enhanced durability, which was important with hardwoods. This is a good pick for Woodland Hunters.

The S. Queensland, NW NSW style boomerangs are among the most beautiful in history. They were high performing as well and featured numerous incised designs carved on their upper surfaces. They were commonly finished dark with charcoal grease and often featured pinched tips.

27" and 13 oz

Challenge

Make a Whale's Tail

Score 2 out of 10 on the throwing range (10 yds)



Tier 1

Present your Throwstick EDC (See Shadows Packing and Caching Guild)

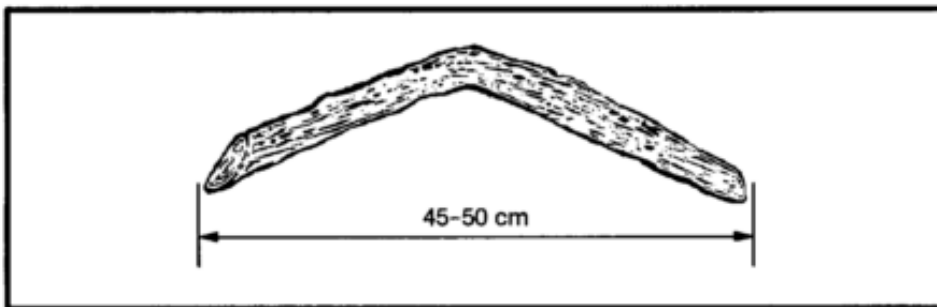


Figure 12-5. Rabbit stick.

tomahawk

Tomahawks are a considerable replacement for a hatchet in any GoBag. They are an Indigenous short range hunting and combat weapon with an awesome history. Our favorite makers are H and B Forge. Our range is open for training with a proper large target round, front facing, placed next to the archery wall. All range protocols should be followed. Note, the Tomahawks are only available for training for those who have entered the Shadows Council.

kylie 4

The Kylie is a fun, lightweight distance achiever. Based on the designs of some of the shorter and lighter weight central desert throwsticks that were used historically for small game, it can be used for long range sport oriented throwers and feels pleasant to throw at high speeds, It prefers a fast, snappy release and good spin to stabilize the ultra flat, long range flights.

25" and 12 oz



Challenge-

Make a Kylie

Score a 4 out of 10 on the throwing range (10 yds)

Tier 2

Present and demonstrate your Throwstick GoBag. (See Shadows Packing and Caching Guild)



(Caption text describing the throwsticks)

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Inspired by a unique S.Western 1870's rabbit stick in the Gary Broadbent collection which featured an interesting flat/angular airfoil. Gary generously gave Benjamin Scott the privilege to handle, study and trace this rare and beautiful throwstick. Scott worked with the original design and adapted it a bit from other field research.

This design requires a good spin for best results, but due to it's lighter weight and good balance, this is easy to achieve. It is best for targets or hunts at 60 yds range or less.

A durable stick in rough environments and great for the beginning thrower.
26" and 12 oz

Challenge-

Make a rabbitstick

Score a 6 out of 10 on the throwing range (10 yds)



Tier 3

Present and demonstrate your expanded Throwstick GoBag. (See Shadows Packing and Caching Guild)



wedge war club 8

Designed in collaboration with Matt Graham and based in "Lil Lil" war club patterns refined over thousands of years in the East of Australia, The Wedge War Club is a durable and powerful multi-tool for the modern warrior, forager and hunter. It's fast, efficient, stout and delivers a heavy blow, offering amazing multi-tool versatility in a single package. Useful against zombies as well as conies!



For the tribal styled martial artist, the tough polycarbonate construction stands up to extreme use, with the swelled angular head providing tactical impact points at both inward and outward angles, as well as along the spine. These angles are useful in trapping, disarms, and extra heavy impacts on the outer edge, which reduces jarring into the hand when striking hard objects. The chisel pointed ends are useful for fast straight punches and stabs for inside fighting, and the flared head provides a safe area to hold with the off hand during parries against other impact or blade weapons. The swelled shape allows for easy and secure carry in a belt, belt loop, or with our throwstick holster, for the fastest and most secure carry and deployment. This ancient weapon is uniquely versatile and powerful.

For hunting/throwing, this design generally stays within an 85 yd radius or less, and so it is ideal in more enclosed environments and mid-sized game. Hunting ranges to 50 meters are possible and the Wedge generally flies very flat and efficient to this range if thrown at full force with good alignment. This is a low lift design with a nose down tendency (nose heavy) and thus requires a hard throw to fly the distance. It rewards aggressive throwers, excels at penetrating into brush more than other models, and it delivers a very heavy blow to any target.

23" and 13 oz

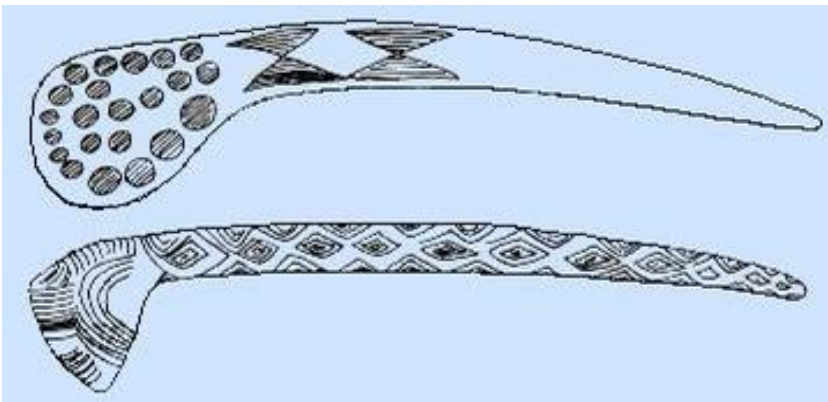
Challenge-

Make a Wedge War Club

Score a 8 out of 10 on the throwing range (10 yds)

Tier 4

Present and demonstrate your Shadow Tier 4. (See Shadows Packing and Caching Guild)



sacred hunt

Much gratitude to my friend Matt Smith for mentoring me in this guild. I went to visit him in Utah one summer and he gave me some Gambals Oak blanks and instruction. I went out to Oregon to teach at my friend Andrew Kobierski's school (Jump the Fence). I got right to work on throwsticks. The scout and shadow aged kids we were working with every day seemed skeptical. When I finished and had that first explosive hit on a 5 gallon bucket the kids became instant throwstick converts. We got them all crafting their own and we would train every day on the range. We spent the summer doing this and we were getting good. We even made War Clubs and charged in after each hit to finish the imaginary prey. Andrew is a wildlife biologist and he drew a tag to thin an invasive flock of Canada Geese on the Willamette. We planned our stalk and worked for weeks on weapon concealment, camouflaging intent, baseline group movement and mission execution, there were 7 of us.

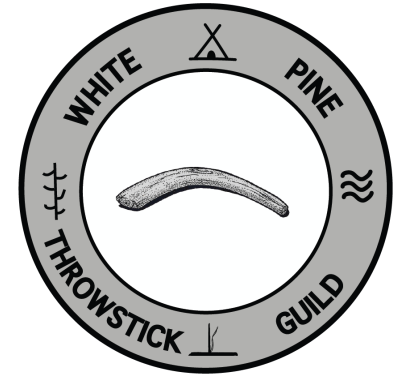
Finally the day came. The mission began and we moved as one. We got to within 40 yds and the Geese figured something was up, they began to run for the water. "Throw!" we shouted. Everyone released 7 simultaneous throws, just like we had trained, 6 sticks flew close and barely missed, but one stick hit the mark, a solid body hit, I'll never forget that sound, like a deep drum. It was my stick that hit. The goose buckled and stumbled for the water, but I was close behind with my war club just like we had trained. I struck her over and over until she stopped moving, I realized I was up to my knees in the river. I was panting and covered in water, feathers and blood. I grabbed her by the neck and drug her onto the beach. Our small tribe circled around her instantly, her nerves were still twitching, without a word everyone placed their hands on her body and at the same instant we all exhaled deeply and audibly as she exhaled her last breath. For those past 2 minutes we had all, hunting tribe and hunted, moved and breathed as one. It was the most Sacred Moment of my life. We gave thanks, left an offering, took her home, and utilized every bone, feather, and piece of meat on her. Thank you Teaching Goose, your lessons continue to this day.

Challenge-

Harvest an animal with a Throwstick you have made.

Tier 5

Share your Quest and where you train remotely



Thank you for joining us in the Throwstick Guild, hope to see you there.

