

Arizona Outback Emu Oil

Emu Oil is oil made from the fat of the emu, a bird native to Australia. It has been used historically by the Australian aborigines for the treatment of burns, wounds, bruises and as a pain reliever for bone, muscle and joint disorders. The birds themselves have two long feathers in each quill and emu eggs are dark green in color. The curious thing about emu eggs is revealed when they are etched. Etching uncovers layers of different colors, ranging between dark shades, light shades and some in-between hues. Tucson is the right environment to grow the emu birds and we are lucky to have two vendors at our farmers market whom have had a lot of experience with these desert creatures.

Lance and Jackie Talley: Arizona Outback Oil Co.

Arizona Outback Oil Co. gets its name from being both outback in Benson and outback in Tucson and of course the emus originated from the outback of Australia and bring emu oil, handmade soap, other skin care products and lotion to Oro Valley and Tucson Farmers Market at St. Philip's Plaza. Lance and Jackie Talley began raising Emus commercially for their meat, feathers oil and leather in 1995. They began with one pair of emus and at one time had 250 birds. The market for emu red meat was a slow one, though the emu meat is very low in cholesterol but the cost to process and inspect was expensive. So, Arizona Outback downsized their flock and now gets their emu oil from an American Emu Association certified refinery. Arizona Outback began experimenting with the oil and developed their own recipes for handmade soaps by trial and error sharing samples amongst friends, and includes a line of lotions made with emu oil, goat milk and other fine oil. Lance also makes custom mesquite cutting boards, spoons and spatulas with a decorative touch of turquoise Jackie and Lance have been selling at Tucson Farmers Market at St. Philip's Plaza for the last 10 years.