



Pawnee rattle used in the Star Dance, a Skidi Pawnee ceremony, ca. 1890. Oklahoma. Gourd, wood, hide, pigment. 27.9x10.6 cm. National Museum of the American Indian, 213016

This rattle represents Tirawahut, the Supreme Being of the Pawnee. The inscribed stars identify the four sectors for the universe and the deities that preside over each.