Gogoda (T, 'RLS', 56.2am), Kukatja, Gugadja (AC), Gogadja (Peile)

Peile says conforms to W.D. pattern with Walmatjari influences and is linguistically closest to Bindubi and Mandjildjara both of which are understood by the older people. In 'RLS', information on this Gogadja (W.A.) was confused with that on Gugadja (C.A.). Tindale's Gogoda (RLS 56.2am) refers to this dialect on which nothing has been known till recently when Peile, Catholic Mission, Balgo Hills has started to study it. He has written a draft phoneme and grammar statement and collected a vocabulary of 1,000 or more words. He has also recorded many myths and transcribed some. Peile reports there are two dialects, a "heavy" one, Gugadja proper, and a "lighter" one known as Wangadjunga or Wanggadjunga. Secret language appears to be mostly vocabulary associated with secret ceremonies and known only by the old men. This is a fully viable language with approximately 300 speakers, mostly at Balgo (originally Ngardi territory according to Hudson's information), and some at Billiluna and Sturt Creek Stations.

Distinguishing characteristics:
'this' : dji:dja; nga:dja
'many' : ladlu
'come-go' : jara
Subject
indicators: -lu
Present tense: -nin, -nin, ngin
Past tense: -nu, -nu, -ngu
1st. p. sing.: ngayu
'man': bundu; 'initiated man': wati (Peile)

56.10b* Wanggadjunga S. and W. of Lake Gregory, with Walmatjari 59.7b and Njanjanj, 59.7c adjoining in N. and Djigarlinj, 59.7a in W. (see JH map)

Wanggadjunga (Peile, AIAS), Wangkaungka (JH)

A dialect of Gugadja as outlined above. Peile reports it is spoken by one woman at Balgo and approximately 20 people at Christmas Creek Station.