

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

Peile says conforms to W.D. pattern with *Walmartjari* influences and is linguistically closest to *Bindubi* and *Mandjildjara* both of which are understood by the older people. In 'RLS', information on this *Gugadja* (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 *Wanggadzunga*. 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: *-ṅin, -nin, ngin*

Past tense: *-ṅu, -nu, -ngu*

1st. p. sing.: *ṅayu*

'man' : *bundu*; 'initiated man' : *wati* (Peile)

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

Wanggadzunga (Peile, AIAS), *Wangkajungka* (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.