

*Njiyabali* (AIAS), *Njijapali* (von B), *Nyiyapali* (SAW),  
Subgroups: *Parndikurra* (extinct), *Njirikudu*

*Njiyabali* is the language name spoken by the *Baljgu* tribal group. It is an ergative (PVC) language, the most westerly of the Western Desert type. It has been studied in depth by von Brandenstein. He says an AVC influence is being introduced by white influence. About 50 speakers remain today, living mostly at Roy Hill with some at Marble Bar. In vocabulary *Njiyabali* leans towards Western Desert, but grammatically it has links with *Jindjibarndi* - e.g. in pronouns.

56.11b\* Baljgu Roy Hill area, east to A2 (AIAS A55)  
(50.3a) Bonney Downs, west to  
Tambrey

Name is derived from *Njiyabali* word *paljgu-paljgu* 'nice, comfortable'; thus means 'the pleasant or gentle ones' (von B)

*Balalju* (DB), *Bailgu* (Brown), *Bailko* (T, O'G, 'RLS'),  
*Balgu* (Clement), *Bajungu* (AC), *Baljgu* (AIAS),  
*Boolgoo* (Connelly), *Paljgu* (von B), *Palygu* (SAW),  
*Pulgoe* (Withnell)

Name of tribal group speaking the *Njiyabali* language.

56.11c\* Wadjiba Most northerly part of  
*Njiyabali* territory

Mapped by von Brandenstein as part of *Njiyabali*.

56.11d\* Ju?una Area S. of *Njamal*, bounded  
(45Ar.) in S. by Yule R., in W. by  
*Gariera* & *Ngarla* territory  
& in E. by Bamboo Springs  
Station (from von B's map)

Means 'the people who say *yu?u* for 'yes' '

*Jauna* (45Ar. 'RLS')

von Brandenstein says is a subgroup of *Njiyabali*, but like *Wadjiba* above is not pure PVC but has an AVC overlay. 10 speakers remain.