

54.3* Njagi-Njagi From Peak Charles to A28 (AIAS A1)
 (54k) Bremer Range and
 beyond (von B)

Njagi-Njagi (AIAS, von B), *Nyakinyaki* (O'G, 'RLS')

Included by von Brandenstein as part of *Wudjari*. He says Capell's location does not go far east enough.

55. g. *Mirninj* (Ngadju*) Subgroup

The problem of an accurate name for this subgroup remains. von Brandenstein says Schmidt's 'East' and 'West Mirning' retained by O'Grady is unclear and should be changed. He has used the term 'Dundas District' or *Ngadju* language, the name given today's mixture of the six languages listed below. *Mirninj* is the word for 'man' in only one of the listed and two other words are listed in the four dialects in which von Brandenstein obtained information. To the three dialects O'Grady classified in this subgroup, *Mirninj*, *Ngadjunma* and *Galaagu*, von Brandenstein adds three others: "Frazer Ranges", "Norseman" and *Windaga*. Ten of the fourteen known speakers were contacted, living today in Norseman, Esperance, Coolgardie, Leonora, Gnowangerup, Kurrawang and Yalata (S.A.)

von Brandenstein says *Ngadju* sound changes and rules differ little from the picture in the Pilbara. Contraction, haplology and double consonants are common. Grammatically the most striking feature is the use of singular, dual, trial, plural and collective plural noun markers which are repeated at or transferred to the verb stem before the participial ending *-n*.

From the six names von Brandenstein has listed as comprising *Ngadju* it would be difficult today to extract the different components as they have all now coalesced. He has collected about 2,000 word vocabulary, a number of stories and enough for a sketch grammar. (See 'Salvage Work on the Eastern Goldfields', Bulletin of International Committee of Anthropological and Ethnological Research, 1971).

55.1a Mirninj From Nullarbor Station to A22 (AIAS A9)
 Murnura Tank west to
 Madura (von B)

Mirninj (AIAS), *Mirningj* (von B), *Mirniny* (SAW), *Mirning* (AC, orig. AIAS, T, O'G, 'RLS'), *Meening* (Craig), *Minning*, *Wonunda Meening* (DB), *Yircla Meening* (place name - C), *Jurgala* (place name Eucla - von B), *Baaduk*, *Bardok* (means 'know nothing' - "name given Wonunda Meening by Kooraradee" - Davidson), *Ikula* (?), *Wanbiri* (dialect name)

Today only a handful of "Jurgala" informants remain scattered from S.A. to Cue in W.A., but mostly half castes living at Eucla. von Brandenstein has collected what remains of this dialect.

Distinguishing characteristics:

'this' : *nakata*
 'many' : *ngalparu*
 'go' : *nana* (or *ngana*)
 'I' : *ngatu*
 'by me' : *ngadu/ngadu*
 'game' : *tuui*
 'man' : *mininj* (O'G-K)/*mirningj* (von B)

55.1b Ngadjunma/Marlba Rock holes and A25 (AIAS A3)
 scales round
 Balladonia reaching
 north to Kopai Cliffs,
 south to Israelite Bay (von B)

Marlba means 'man' derived from C.A. root **mar*, **mur*, **mir* 'to come to an end, die, pass' (von B)

Ngadjunma (T, O'G, 'RLS', AC, SAW), *Ngadju-maja* (von B), *Marlba* (von B), *Malpa* (WHD), *Bardo-junga* (*Wadjari* term - Craig), (listed in 'RLS' as an alternate name for *Kalarko*, 55.1c), *Wonunda* (Eyre's Sand Patch - C)

von Brandenstein calls this dialect *Marlba* after the word for 'man' and the modern polyglot of all the dialects *Ngadju* or *Ngadju(n)maja*. *Ngadjunma* occurs universally elsewhere so is retained here. von Brandenstein says Capell's location is correct. Douglas recorded some in 1964 as part of his *Nyungar* study.

7Wr. Wirlu

No further information.

8Wr. Padimaia

Another spelling of *Bardimaya*, 52.3*, ('RLS' 53.5e).

9Wr. Jurgula

Part of *Mirning* 55.1a.

10Wr. Janadjina

See 50.5a*.

11Wr. Jana

From von Brandenstein's 1967 map appears to be part of *Bidungu (Ngaia-warngga)*, 56,3a*.

12Wr. Pinikurra

Alternate spelling for *Binigura* 50.7a.

13Wr. Inikurdira

Part of *Dalandji* 51.1a.

14Wr. Pulinya

See *Kardu Subgroup*, 53.4c*.

4B. WESTERN DESERT RESIDUE LANGUAGES (AREA W)

This section has been dealt with differently to the others. Section 1 below lists dialects included in the O'Grady et al classification, but excluded from this classification on the grounds there was insufficient evidence to