54.3* Njagi-Njagi From Peak Charles to A28 (AIAS A1)
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 Schmort'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, haplography 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)
Mīrnīnj (AIAS), Mīrnīnj (von B), Mīrnīnj (SAW), Mīrnīnj (AC, orig. AIAS, T, O'G, 'RLS'), Meening (Craig), Mīrnīnj, 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 (?), Wānbiiri (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' : _ngalضارu
'go' : _nana (or _ngana_
'I' : _ngatu
'by me' : _ngadu/ngadu_
'game' : _tuui_
'man' : _mīrnīnj (O'G-K)/mīrnīnj (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.

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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. Pinikurma

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