

Distinguishing characteristics:

Typically Western Desert phonology, with two syllable types CV and CVC, and primary stress on the initial syllable of each phonological word.

'this' : *ngaatja*
 'many' : *piṇi / pinyi; tjuta; laltu*
 'come-go' : *yara - pitja*

Subject

indicators: *-lu, -tu, -tu, -tju*
 Present tense: *+N + -inpa* (where N = any nasal)
 Past tense: *?*
 1st. p. sing.: *ngayulu* (Hansen)

Approximately 300 speakers today living at Papanya, Yuendumu, Warburton Ranges and Balgo Hills. The group is one of the most viable of the Western Desert dialects; the children speak the vernacular, the group maintains high linguistic identity and unifying cultural and religious practices and are a relatively cohesive tribal group, living in just a few centres. The dialect has here been closely linked with Ernabella *Pitjantjatjara* because O'Grady-Klokeid claim a 77% cognate density, higher than the Ernabella dialect has with its other neighbours.

K. & L. Hansen (SIL) have been studying this dialect since 1966. Publications:

Pintupi Phonology (*Oceanic Linguistics*, 8, 1969),
 11 *Pintupi* readers for teaching literacy (pp. 5 - 68
 in length) (SIL, 1969-70)
St. Mark's gospel in first draft

'aboriginal man' : *bundu / wati* (Hansen); *yanangu*
 (O'G-K)

56.8b* Yumu Western MacDonnell Range Cl6 (AIAS Cl1)
 (56.2aj) from Mt. Russell east to
 Mt. Zeil; north to Central
 Mt. Wedge and Lake Bennett,
 south to Mts. Solitary and
 Udor; at Haast Bluff and
 Mts. Liebig & Peculiar (AC)

Jumu (T, O'G, APE, Fry), *Yumi* (Roheim), *Yumu* (SAW,
 AIAS)

O'Grady classified as being close to *Bindubi* and *Gugadja* probably on the basis of anthropological work done by Roheim, Cleland, Fry, Elkin and Tindale. Tindale may have some word lists but there is no published linguistic data so the status of this dialect needs investigating if data can be found. Roheim recorded some *Yumu* myths. The above researchers distinguish *Yumu* as being a distinctive group from others they investigated: *Pintubi*, *Ngalia*, *Kukatja*, *Aranda* etc.

56.9c* Luridja
(44Ar.)

Term covering those who use the *-anji* tense ending, and used by the *Aranda* for the Western Desert group generally. However the eastern group have taken it to themselves to distinguish themselves from their country cousins, the bush *Bindubi* (K. & L. Hansen - personal correspondence.)

Luritja (44Ar. 'RLS', AIAS)

It is doubtful if this is a dialect name as such, but is included here because it is well-known in the literature and may be a convenient name to cover dialects of the area.

56.10* Balgo (North Western) dialect

The following dialects are placed together for geographical reasons as there is no information to hand on cognate density of *Gugadja* (W.A.) with other neighbouring languages except that it is said to share a high percentage of cognates with both *Yulbaridja* and *Bindubi*.

56.10a* Gugadja (W.A.) Gregory Salt Lake area (T); Balgo Hills area, 20°09½'S, 127.51°E on the fringe of the Great Sandy Desert (Peile) A16 (AIAS A68)
(56.2ai)

Means 'relating to meat' (*guga*)