

In *Yugumbir* only a two gender distinction has been observed (SAW). *Bandjalang*'s four genders are given as masculine, feminine, aboreal and neuter.

Today there are about 200 people reasonably fluent in one or another of the nine extant dialects, with most speakers in *Bandjalang*, *Wudjebal* and *We:lubal* (BG).

The following reclassification of this group is based on Wurm (1970) and Geytenbeek (1972). Both delete *Minjanbal* as a dialect. Wurm deletes, but Geytenbeek retains *Galibal*, 92.ld. Wurm tentatively classifies *Giabal*, 92.la, and possibly also *Kambuwal*, 92.lb in a new group. (See *Giabalic Group* 92A.la* and 92A.lb*).

(The suffix-*bal*, sometimes spelled -*bul* on dialect names means 'the ones who say' - BG).

92A* (92.lc)	<u>Gidabal</u> *	South of Warwick to over the border into northern New South Wales (BG map)	E28 (AIAS E14)
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Means 'those who say *gida* for "That's right!"'
(BG)

Gidabal (BG, SAW, AC, AIAS), *Gidabul*, *Gidhabal*
(both SAW alt. sp.), *Kitabal* (T, O'G, 'RLS'),
Kitabul (BG alt. sp.)

This is the dialect the Geytenbeeks have studied in depth with 42 months field work, producing a full grammar and vocabulary of several hundred words. There are about two dozen remaining speakers.

'person' : *baygal* (BG)

92b* Dinggabal * Upper reaches of (AIAS E16.1*)
Clarence River in area
between Woodenbong (NSW)
and Stanthorpe (Q) (BG)

Means 'those who say *dingga* 'That's right!' (BG)

Dinggabal (BG, SAW), *Gindobal* ?, *Djinggebal*

Newly listed by Geytenbeek and Wurm.

92c* Galibal * Kyogle area (BG map) E24 (AIAS E15)
(92.Id)

Means 'those who say *gali* for 'this' (in sight) (GB)

Galibal (BG), *Kalibal* (O'G, 'RLS'), Nyung ? (Richmond River - Livingstone)

Wurm has deleted as a *Bandjalang* dialect but Geytenbeek lists as a dialect with a few remaining speakers.

92d* We:labal * Tabulum, Clarence River (AIAS E16.2*)
area (GB)

Means 'those who say *we:lu* 'you' ' (BG)

We:labal (BG), *We:labal* (SAW)

Also newly listed by Geytenbeek and Wurm.

92e* Wudjebal * East of Tenterfield E62 (AIAS E16)
(92.If) (BG map)

Means 'those who say *wudje* 'you' (BG) (not *wu:ye* - C/S - as in 'RLS')

Wudjebal (BG, SAW), *Widjabal* (AC, AIAS, O'G, 'RLS'), (Delete *Wijabal*, *Wiyebal* given as alt. names in 'RLS' as these refer to *Wiyabal*, 92h*)