[48.3a Bagu

Gunin word denoting the old Roman Catholic Mission on the seacoast called Pago on maps.]

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**XXVIII. NJULNJULAN FAMILY**

This family has prefixing languages without any noun classification. The Bardi verb system is characterized by an uninflected pre-stem followed by an inflected verb stem (i.e. the auxiliary system as in Ngarinjin).

Phonemically there are bilabial, alveolar, alveo-palatal, retroflexed and velar stops and nasals, three l and three semi-vowel phonemes and an asymmetrical vowel system - four vowels with length only on the three C.A. vowels. Syllable patterns are V, VC, CV, CVC and CVCC. Stress is usually word initial.

Vaszolyi says speakers of Nyul-Nyul, Yawuru, Djawi and Djaber-Djaber are still available in and around Broome, at Beagle Bay and Lombadina Missions and on surrounding stations. Taylor's 1968 survey found speakers only in Bardi, Nyul-Nyul and Nyigina.

Vaszolyi suggests an extensive revision of the Dampier Land language situation should be carried out.

49.1a **NJUL-NJUL**  
Coastal area round  
Beagle Bay

Niol-Niol (Bischofs), NJul-Njul (AC, APE, AIAS),  
NJol-Njol (N & W), Nyol-Nyol (N), Nyool-nyool,  
Nyoolyool (DB), NJulNjul (SAW, O'G, 'RLS'),  
Nyul-Nyul (Kerr)

No further information since Kerr's word list (1969)

'man' : wamb; 'initiated man' : mambungan (Kerr)

49.1b **BARDI**  
Cape Leveque Peninsula  
and Sunday Islands

K1 (AIAS K15)

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Oates, L. 1975. The 1973 supplement to a revised linguistic survey of Australia. Armidale: Christian Book Centre
Baad (Porteus), Baa (N & W), Braid (WHD, Porteus),
Bard (AC, O'G, APE, SAW, orig. AIAS, Peile), Barda
(DB, Campbell & Bird), Bardi (Metcalfe, AIAS, Kerr)

Is noted for its highly complex verb system—highly
agglutinating—which produces a sentence in miniature.

Metcalfe (1973) has completed major depth study which
includes Bardi Verb morphology, texts and a comprehe-
sive Bardi-English dictionary. Number of speakers is
approx. 360 including children whose language is some-
what impoverished, living today primarily at Derby,
Sunday Island, Broome and Lombardina.

'man': gangga, manga; 'initiated man': mambungan
(Kerr)

Metcalfe says amba is the general word for 'man';
mang(a) amba—'black man', but is probably a
'manufactured' word; gangga may be ganjga—'mainland',
'mainland person'.

49.1c Djaber-Djaber ***

K1 (AIAS K8)

Djaber-Djaber (N & W, APE, Peile, AIAS), Djaberdjaber
(AC), Djaba-Djaba (N), Dyaba-Dyaba (Worms),
Dyabilir-Dyabir (Kerr)

No recent information. Apparently a handful of speak-
ers are still available.

'man': mang, 'initiated man': mambungan (Kerr)

49.1d Nimanburu ***

K1 (AIAS K9)

Nimanburu (AC, AIAS), Nimanboro (W), Nimarnbur
(SAW, Kerr), Nimanbur (Peile), Ninambur (O'G, 'RLS'),
Numbanbor (N).

Nothing further since Kerr's word list, 1969.

'man': mang; 'initiated man': mambangan (Kerr)

49.1e Djawi **** Sunday Island and

Buchaneer Archipeligo

K4 (AIAS K16)

Chowie (Bird), Djawi (DB, AC, SAW, Kerr), Djau (Peile),
Djaui (SAW, O'G, 'RLS'), Dyao (N & W).