

[48.3a Bagu

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

49. 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 K17 (AIAS K13)
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 K1 (AIAS K15)
and Sunday Islands

Baad (Porteus), *Baa* (N & W), *Ba:d* (WHD, Porteus),
Bard (AC, O'G, APE, SAW, orig. AIAS, Peile), *Barda*
(DB, Campbell & Bird), *Bardi* (Metcalf, 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 comprehensive *Bardi*-English dictionary. Number of speakers is approx. 360 including children whose language is somewhat impoverished, living today primarily at Derby, Sunday Island, Broome and Lombardina.

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

Metcalf 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.lc Djaber-Djaber *** K1 (AIAS K8)

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

No recent information. Apparently a handful of speakers are still available.

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

49.ld 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.le Djawi **** Sunday Island and K4 (AIAS K16)
Buchaneer Archipeligo

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