46.la Ngarinjin * Central Kimberleys K15 (AIAS K18)
area inland from
Walcott Inlet
S E C T I O N T W O

Ngarinjin (AC, APE, AIAS, Coate & Oates), Ngarinyin (SAW), Ungarinyin (T, O'G, 'RLS' SAW)

Coate, Capell and Elkin have been working on Ngarinjin legends and texts. Ngarinjin dictionary of c. 4,000 entries still awaits publication. There are about 20 speakers at Gibb River and 60 at Mt. Elizabeth Station.

'aboriginal man' : aru (Coate)

46.1b Wila-Wila Cape Voltaire, St. K15 (AIAS K35)
Patrick Harbour and
several islands off
Scott Strait.

Capell believes Wila-Wila is a Ngarinjin dialect, probably on its northern edge, though both Vaszolyi and SIL seem to think it is more distantly related than other dialects. One elderly informant available at Mowanjun Mission believes it is more closely related to Wunambal and several other Wunambal - Wurora speakers believe the same. This information is confirmed by Vaszolyi whose lexical and morphological data suggest it is probably an intermediary sociolect between Wunambal and Ngarinjin. SIL found speakers at Kunmanya and on the Gibb River.

46.lc* Wulamban *****

Wolamban, Wulamban (both SIL)

New Ngarinjin dialect name recorded by SIL in 1972. Capell has not heard of this dialect and doubts that Wulamban is a dialect name.

46.2a Munumburu

K15 (AIAS K25)

A north eastern dialect of Ngarinjin abutting on to the Forrest River area. Capell has recorded and mentioned in his Ngarinjin studies.