

Stokes continues depth and literature studies but nothing yet published. Most speakers still at Unbakumba Mission, Groote Eylandt, but some on the mainland at Rose River. Number of speakers: 300+ (includes children); about 1/3 of those on Groote Eylandt speak *Nunggubuyu* as a first language but all also speak *Andiljaugwa* as well.

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XI. MARAN FAMILY

The languages of this family are prefixing and are characterized by extensive use of auxiliary verbs. As with the Gunwinjgu Family, some members are multiple classifying and some are non-classifying.

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A. MARIC GROUP

a. *Gariyimar* Subgroup

A two gender classifying system with very little concord (limited concord shared with *Mengeref*, 7, and some Daly River languages). (SAW)

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(24Nr.)

Mara *** Tidal reaches of Roper N54 (AIAS N112)
River nearly to mouth
of Hodgson River, south
to Spillen Creek, east to
coast and Maria Island and
north to Edward Island (AC)

Mara (T, AC, APE, O'G, 'RLS', AIAS, Abbie, Basedow, R-Brown, Frazer, Lang, Petri, R-Brown, Thomson, Spencer), *Ma:ra* (Berndt), *Marra*, *Mala* ('RLS'), *Leeanuwa*, *Leelalwarra* (Stretton), *Yugul*, *Jugul*, *Yookala* (24Nr. 'RLS' - Bern)

An in-depth study still needs to be done and the relative scarcity of informants makes this study of reasonably high priority. Tindale published a vocabulary of about 500 words. (1928)