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 Mengerei, 7, and some Daly River languages). (SAW)

24. Mara *** Tidal reaches of Roper 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), Marra (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)