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f. *Njungar Subgroup*

O'Grady et al labelled this subgroup "Nyunga", but Douglas' spelling is that above (von Brandenstein's is "Nungar"). Originally the twelve linguistic units were grouped as one language without differentiating dialect differences. von Brandenstein claims there are two dialects: (1) northern and western Nyungar, the Perth area exhibiting the normal CVCV stem and CV suffix patterning, and (2) south eastern Nyungar, the Esperance area, where the final C and V of a syllable of a stem and/or a suffix may metathesise -  $C_2V_2 = V_2C_2$  and  $-CV = -VC$  (von Brandenstein's final syllable metathesis -FSM - rule). von Brandenstein prefers to call Esperance Nyungar the South-West or *Wudjari* language, and the Perth Nyungar, the Northern and Western language.

Consonant phonemes are similar to those of the previous subgroups but a number of dialects, eg. *Balardung* have 5 vowels and length.

There is some difficulty in sorting out the dialect names of Northern and Western Nyungar. Douglas' 1967 map shows only three: *Bibelman* (central), *Djabanmay* (northern) and *Ganiyang* (southern). Wurm's 1970 classification deleted the following names: *Juad*, *Balardung*, *Wadjug*, *Binjarub*, *Wiilman*, *Wardandi*, but the first two are acknowledged by von Brandenstein. Wurm also includes *Wirtimay* not mentioned elsewhere, and he includes *Galamay* which Douglas says is part of *Wadjari*.

Douglas' Nyungar salvage study (1968) and von Brandenstein's salvage work on the Eastern Goldfields (1971) remain the most comprehensive work on these dialects.

54.1a\* Juad ? Area between Northam W25 (AIAS W11)  
(54a) and New Norcia

*Juad* (AC, AIAS), *Juat* (O'G, 'RLS'), *Juet* (T)

Deleted in Wurm's classification and not mentioned by Douglas but retained by von Brandenstein.

[54b Wadjug ? W35 (AIAS W9)