DICTIONARY
ENGLISH/MURRINH-PATHA
INTRODUCTION

The Language:
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Murrinh-patha is spoken by approximately 1100 Aborigines (as either their first or second language) who live at Port Keats - Wadeye, Northern Territory, 250 Kilometres to the south-west of Darwin. A small number of Murrinh-patha speakers also live on nearby cattle stations, and a number live at Kununurra, Western Australia.

This Dictionary:
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This dictionary is divided into two sections, that is English to Murrinh-patha and Murrinh-patha to English. The number of words in this dictionary is about 2,000, which really only scratches the surface of the language.

This dictionary has been printed from a computer printout made in February 1983 at Port Keats, and so contains only that number of words which had been keyboarded into the computer at that time. Future editions will include more words.

This dictionary was compiled by Chester S. Street (S.I.L.) with the help of Gregory Panapawa Mollingin. It is hoped this data will be helpful to those wishing to learn the Murrinh-patha Language, as well as an aid to the Aboriginal people of Port Keats. Thankful acknowledgement is also given to those who supplied photos of foods and animal life.

Pronunciation:
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Murrinh-patha is a phonetically written language (unlike English) where one symbol represents one sound. Quite a number of the sounds are similar to English, while others are not. Stress is normally on the first syllable of a word.

There are 4 Murrinh-patha vowels, and they are always pronounced the same: i as in the English word pit, e " men, a " cut, u " put.

There are 21 Murrinh-patha consonants. Some of these consonants are represented by a digraph (i.e. 2 symbols). English also does this, e.g. ch (church), ng (singing), th (this), etc.

\- p as in the English word pen
\- b base
\- t take
\- d dip
\- k key
\- g go
\- m me
\- n net
\- ng king
\- l let
\- w wet
\- y yes
\- r caring

\- rr is a rolled/trilled r, as heard in Scottish English
\- th - when before the vowels a, u; similar to the th sound in the English word - ether
\- th - when before the vowels i, e; similar to the ch sound in the English word - chair
\- dh - when before the vowels a, u; similar to the th sound in the English word - mother
\- ch - when before the vowels i, e; similar to the j sound in the English word - jet
\- nh - when before the vowels a, u; similar to the n sound in the English word - month
\- nh - when before the vowels i, e; similar to the ny sound in the English word - canyon

rt - similar to the t sound in the English word - take, but the tip of the tongue is a little higher in the roof of the mouth
rd - similar to the d sound in the English word - add, but the tip of the tongue is a little higher in the roof of the mouth
nn - similar to the n sound in the English word - cane, but the tip of the tongue is a little higher in the roof of the mouth
ri - similar to the i sound in the English word - whale, but the tip of the tongue is a little higher in the roof of the mouth

Abbreviations:
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adv. adverb
adj. adjective
excl. exclusive
f female (i.e. a group of females or mixed male/female group)
IBP incorporated body part
incl. inclusive (i.e. including the listener)
intrans. intransitive
lit. literally
m male (i.e. a group of males only)
n. noun
nc noun class (these prefix all nouns but are generally optional)
np noun phrase
pc paucal (a few, i.e. from 3 to about 12)
pl plural (i.e. a large group above approx. 10-12)
R reduplicated
reflex. reflexive
sg singular
spec. specific (type of species)
[ ] when used within a word, denotes optional part
HOW TO USE THIS DICTIONARY

Basically, there are two types of listings within this dictionary: verbs and non-verbs.

The Verbs:
In the first section (English to Murrinh-patha) the verb root, in capital letters, follows the English word, then there is an example of that verb. In the second section (Murrinh-patha to English) alphabetisation is done on the verb roots, again in capitals, which is followed by the English meaning and examples.

(Note: These verb roots, in their capitalised form, cannot be used alone, but form the main part of verb structure, as shown in the examples.)

The Non-Verbs:
These follow a more simplified format, and are always in lower case.

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| **English** | **Murrinh-patha** (verb root (main part of the verb structure))

Example of this verb

Murrinh-patha to English

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Examples of this verb

[Note: Any words wholly within brackets, are put at the very front of the alphabetisation, as can be seen at the front of the English to Murrinh-patha section.]

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(Note: adjectives follow nouns, e.g. ku ngen wiye 'bad meat')

Murrinh-patha to English

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Examples of this verb

This particular noun can have four noun classes, which give different meanings, e.g. mi kamarl = a seed; kardu kamarl = sweetheart etc.
ENGLISH TO MURRINH-PATHA

TAKE IT CAREFULLY!!
and you'll be like me.

(modal word): warra ngadha
ngay warra ngadha 'I'm first'

(modal word): warra
kumparrai warra ngurruru 'I'll go first in front' da murtuk
warra 'long time ago in the beginning'

(modal word): warra
i ngurdiwarini wards 'and then I will return' mi warda 'the
food is ready now' (lit. 'food now')

(place name): mune nc: da

(place name): lathparr nc: da

(superlative): ngnini
pangkur ngini 'the longest'

(superlative): nimgini
ku ngurmliri tereri nimin-ya 'a real lot of fish' ngarr
nimin 'which one' nukunu nimin 'really him'

(verb negator - archaic): marda
marda the mabath 'I don't know'

(verb negator): mere
mere the mabath 'I don't know'

abdomen (belly): marda
marda manganart ngem 'I desire it' (lit. 'my belly has got
it') nc: nanthi

abdomen, lower: walungonga nc: nanthi

abide, to reside: -manu
Dhawinamun 'who resides in Darwin' Kangkarlinamu 'The One
who abides above' suff.

above, aloft, on top: kangkarl adj. or n.

accompany: NGKAYITH
ngunungkayithnu ngurr 'I'll accompany you (sg)' pankayith
'I accompanied him' pungkingkayithnu purr 'he'll
continuously accompany me'

accuse another: RIRDA
panngirerda kanan 'he continually blames me'

accuse oneself: RIRDA
nguyi(ririrdanu 'I will blame myself' ngarntirdu 'I blamed
myself'

action: mange
da mange pataha 'a good action' nc: da

admire: RIRU
nguriwarini 'I'll count' pantiu 'I counted' pannariwu ngem 'I
admire him'

adultery: tibaytibay n.

advance salt-water (incoming tide): RTURT
lalirringan parturt 'the sea will advance (tide come in)'
lalirringan darnturturt pirim 'the sea continually advances
(tide continually comes in)'

after: nakuri or nakurinu adv.

afternoon, late: kungini nc: da

aim a large spear at: RIBAP
ngunrabapnu 'I will aim at him' pantibap 'I aimed at him'

aim a small spear at: RIBAP
banarbibapnu 'I will aim at him' bangarntibap 'I aimed it'

aim gun at: NGKABATH
thunghku gun ngengkabathnu 'I'll aim the gun' ngemkabath 'I
aimed the gun'

aim high: THARAWITH
ngurtharawithnu 'I will sing/aim high' ngurdharkarwitwith 'I
aimed high'

aim spear at: NGKABATH
mere thaningkabath nukun 'don't aim at me' thanul ku menti
damkabath pirim 'he's aiming the spear at the turtle'

alert: biribirl adj.

alert, to be watchful: BIRLNGKA
yibiirmingka 'he's lying alert, watching'

alive: birnu
kardu birnu kanan 'he's alive' nanthi birnu pangkuy 'long
life' n. and adj.

allude by story: WERT
murrinh dampert 'he told an illustrative story' murrinh
dampunpert 'he alluded them(pl) by his speech'

almost: tharrningi
pangkuy tharrningi 'fairly long' adv.

alot: VERBCLASS 5
nginwarinu 'I'll be aloft' nganthim 'I'm aloft'
alone: YEE
   memey ngem 'I'm lonely'

already: wardarra (warda warra)
   nanthi damgammurit wardarra 'he's already given it to me'

amaze another (trans.): MODDAT
   manhimbadothnu 'I'll amaze you' mammardat 'I amazed him'

amazed (intrans.): MODDAT
   : Kardu ngamere-ka pumemwardat ku ngurmirl nhini-nu-yu 'and
   the few men were amazened at all those fish'

ambidexterous: batbat perrenku adj.

amuse oneself: ROARRITHAK
   mange mammardatnu 'I'll amuse myself' mange mammardat
   ngem 'I'm amusing myself'

angry: MARDAT
   ningamniggardakat dim 'I'm angry'

angry: MARDAT
   bangamngardarkat dim 'I'm angry'

ankle: me ngardarda nc: nanthi

announce news: YERR
   murrinh damgigenn 'he informed me' danthelerr wurrarn 'he
   continually informs/announces (news)'

answer: DHART
   nganthart 'I answered' damgignardhart 'he answered me'

anus: ngukin weyi nc: nanthi

anxious (intrans.): WERR
   dewerr kanan 'he's always anxious' mere thewerr nukun 'don't
   you(sg) be anxious'

anxious (trans.): WERR
   thanngawerr 'you(sg) didn't give me a chance' or 'you(sg)
   were too anxious towards me'

arise, to get up: WIRNUT
   ngewirnturtnu 'I'll arise' ngempirnturtur ngarrim 'I
   continually arise'

arm: nithi nc: nanthi

arm muscle: nithingen ngala nc: nanthi

arm, lower: nithi kankarni nc: nanthi

arm, upper: nithi pepe nc: nanthi

armband made from nanthi pirnpinr: pirnpinr nc: nanthi

armpit: wanthay nc: nanthi

ascend: WITH
   ngemwardatnu 'I ascended' ngurranmardawirrith 'I
   continually ascend'

ascend a mountain: ROIRYERL
   mardirileyenlu 'I will ascend' marnirryerl 'I ascended'

ascend with an object: WITH
   nanthi pana nagmardawirrithnu 'I'll take that thing up'
   Kanhningmardawirrith wurrarn 'he continually takes me up'

ask: DHARRPUNU
   nganhidharrpunu 'I will ask you' ngantharrpunu 'I asked him'

asking: thannpudharrpunu nc: murrinh

at: ngaara
   nanthi thanamurt ngaara nukunu 'give the thing to him'

preposition

auger/pencil shell: pangkiri nc: ku

Australian magpie lark (peewee): Kalampitpit nc: ku

avoid, to bypass: RIKAT
   barikatnu 'I will go around' bangarntikat
   pantikat 'I went around' pantikat da numi-rewarda 'he then
   went around by another way'

axe, large: lithpurr walyimpa nc: nanthi

axe, steel: lithpurr nc: nanthi

axe, stone: lithpurr malay nc: nanthi

baby boy: tirdu nc: kardu

baby girl: mirrindi nc: kardu (wakal)

baby girl: manangKaninrnc: kardu

back: pangkin
   mayern pangkin wangu 'overland road' nc: nanthi

backbone: kurtintharr nc: nanthi

back off: RIRDA
   berntirda ngarrim thawath 'I backed off slowly'

backbone: kurtintharr nc: nanthi

bad: wiye adj.

bait (fish): birnu nc: ku

balance people on a floating log: NGKARDAL
   thanthangkardalu 'you(sg) balance it' panthangkardalinene
   'they(pc m) balanced it'

balor/melon shell: kakalak nc: ku

bamboo, large: mard nc: nanthi
bark (dog): NGARL
Ku were pirnrangarlinu ‘the dog will bark’

bark of tree: darripi nc: ku

bark painting: piru dirruw NC: nanthi

barn owl: tharrnpa NC: ku

basket: muthay NC: nanthi

bat, small (spec.): thiniinh NC: ku

be Begin: RET
ngurenu ‘I’ll start’ pantet ‘I started’

behind: tiduk

bequeath, to will: WERKURK

billy goat plum tree: palathi NC: nanthi

billycan: kurn,..i NC: nanthi

bird (generic): kirrikbe NC: ku

bird (generic): mururrbe or mururrbe NC: ku

bird’s nest: dirri NC: ku

bird, small (generic): thelthel NC: ku

birth mark: mak NC: nanthi

bite: LELE

black: thipmam

black bream: thurrudirr NC: ku

black cormorant: maminmanga NC: ku
black duck: lathparr nc: ku
black duck, small: thiwinh nc: ku
black mullet: thipman nc: ku
black spotted stingray: parnti nc: ku
black stingray: malangan nc: ku
black ti tree: pu nc: nanthi
black whip snake: ngunhpalin
black-breaded kite: timanthi nc: ku
black-tipped shark: yenge nc: ku
black spotted stingray: parnti nc: ku
black tree: pu nc: nanthi
black whip snake: ngunhpalin
black-breasted kite: timanthi nc: ku
blackhead: mirimirimirl nc: nanthi
blame another: RIRDA
   pannirerda Kanam 'he continually blames me'
blame oneself: RIRDA
   nguyirirda 'I will blame myself' ngarntirda 'I blamed myself'
bleeding tooth nereite shell: thithimampe nc: ku
blind: NGKAMUMUY
   nganingkanumuynu 'I'll be blind' ngarntirda 'I'm blind'
blind person: Kamarrama nc: kardu
blind snake: warnampi nc: ku
blind snake: thingurduk nc: ku
blink one's eye(s): MIMMINKA
   ngimininkanu 'I'll blink' ngemminminka 'I blinked'
blocked off from moving: RDURL
   ngardurinu 'I'll be blocked off' ngarnti ngarntirda 'I was blocked off'
   nganirdufuridha ngi 'I was continually obstructed'
blood clot, dried blood: Kumulung wcKKeK nc: nanthi
blood: Kumulung nc: nanthi
blood blister: Kumulung thipman nc: nanthi
blood clot, dried blood: Kumulung weKKeK nc: nanthi
bloodwood tree: Kawen nc: nanthi
blow bubbles under water: RINGYUNG
   Kura baringyungnu 'I will blow bubbles in the water' Kura
   bangaretungung 'I blew bubbles in the water'
boat, ship: tharntu nc: nanthi
body: nginipunh nc: nanthi
body (inside): ngini- IBP
body hair (including pubic hair): kulpuru nc: nanthi
body hair, very fine: minthikiminthik nc: nanthi
bog an object (trans.): DHARRKAT
   budharrkatu 'I will bog it' truck banthtarrarr kanam 'he
   continually bog the truck(s)'
bogged/stuck (intrans.): DHARRKAT
   kidharrkatu nukun 'he might get bogged' ngentharrkat 'I'm
   bogged' dinidharrarrda 'they were bogged'
boil: net nc: nanthi
bone: murnu nc: nanthi
bony: mururi adj.
boobook owl: mangul nc: ku
boomerang: Kuragadha nc: thu
born: BAT
duybat nukun 'you(sg) might fall' bammat 'I fell' bawath
   nganam 'I continually fall' ngarra-wa dammat nhinhi-yu
   'where were you(sg) born?'
blue swimming crab: nivit nc: ku
blue tusk fish: dirr nc: ku
blue-faced honeyeater: kuwim nc: ku
blue-spotted stingray: Kernteri nc: ku
blue-tongued lizard: valumuma nc: ku
blue-winged kookaburra: Karrak nc: ku
blind edge or point: thuthutka adj.
blurred vision: NGKAWUY
   pannirgawuy dlm 'I have blurred vision'
boast: RETET
   ngirraretertnu 'I will boast' ngirrantetetn 'I boasted'
   ngirrantenretnu 'I will boast about myself'
bleeding tooth nereite shell: thithimampe nc: ku
blind: NGKAMUMUY
   nganingkanumuynu 'I'll be blind' ngarntirda 'I'm blind'
blind person: Kamarrama nc: kardu
blind snake: warnampi nc: ku
blind snake: thingurduk nc: ku
blink one's eye(s): MIMMINKA
   ngimininkanu 'I'll blink' ngemminminka 'I blinked'
blocked off from moving: RDURL
   ngardurinu 'I'll be blocked off' ngarnti ngarntirda 'I was blocked off'
   nganirdufuridha ngi 'I was continually obstructed'
blood clot, dried blood: Kumulung wcKKeK nc: nanthi
blood: Kumulung nc: nanthi
blood blister: Kumulung thipman nc: nanthi
blood clot, dried blood: Kumulung weKKeK nc: nanthi
bloodwood tree: Kawen nc: nanthi
blow bubbles under water: RINGYUNG
   Kura baringyungnu 'I will blow bubbles in the water' Kura
   bangaretungung 'I blew bubbles in the water'
bottle tree: bamgutu nc: nanthi
brackish water: mirturl nc: kura
brahminy kite: thanga nc: ku
brains: mukmuk nc: nanthi
branch of tree: nithi nu nc: nanthi, da or kura
break a bone (with an instrument): WATH
babawathnu 'I'll break his arm' bangannihibawath 'I broke
your arm'
break a bone (with one's hand): WATH
munhimawathnu 'I'll break your hand' nungannhinewath 'I
broke your foot'
break one's own bone (reflex) - (with an instrument): WATH
benulbawathnu 'I broke my arm'
break one's own bone (reflex) - (with one's hand): WATH
melulbawathnu 'I'll break my arm'

breast (male or female): ngapurlu nc: nanthi
breast feed, to give to drink: DHAYGURDUK
pumpadhaygurduku 'she will breast feed him for you(s)'
panthaygurduku 'she breast fed him'
breath: ngirtkirt nc: nanthi
breathless: WIRNTAY
ngunngirtaynu 'I'll be hungry/breathless' ngunganpirntay "I am
hungry/breathless"
brindled bandicoot: kalla nc: ku
bring: VERBCLASS 22
nанthi Kanthi dim 'he has the thing' nanthi Kanthidha
wurinni 'he was taking the thing'
bring shame upon: WERDI
wurdanggiwerdi 'he shamed me' (from some action he did)
brrolga: kulerrkkurr nc: ku
broom: puthputh nc: nanthi
brother, term used to refer to one's deceased
brother: thaykurta nc: Kardu
brown tree snake: kakalak nc: ku
bubbles: mirnal nc: nanthi
buffalo: nuni nc: ku

bump: BURTA
mayern bangammurta dim 'the road has a bump' mayern
bangammururt wurran 'the road is corrugated'
Burdekin duck: ngulpi nc: ku
burdened with many things on one's mind: ROARRIMIRKAT
mukmuk purdarrimirrkatnu 'he'll be burdened with many things
on his mind' mukmuk pannarrimirrkat kanan 'he's continually
burdened with many things on his mind'
buried: birrbirr
ku birrbirr 'buried corpse' adj.
burn (intrans.): PEK
denpek 'it's burnt'
burn an object: RTAK
nginartaknu 'I will burn it' nginangartak 'I burnt it'
burn by fire: PEK
nginapeknu 'I'll burn it' nginangampek 'I burned it'
burn causing good or bad odour (reflex.): RTAK
thungku pertaknu 'the fire will burn' thungku derntak pirrim
'the fire is burning'
bury: BIRR
babirrbirru 'I will plant (many objects)' bangammirr 'I
planted it'
bury oneself: BIRR
belnubirru 'I will bury myself' bem[nulbirr 'I buried
myself'
bush potato (spec.): marray nc: mi
bush tail possum: theth nc: ku
bustard: murntuykuy nc: ku
butterfish: ngunima nc: ku
butterfly: manman nc: ku
butterfly tree: manman nc: nanthi
buttocks: lumpu nc: nanthi
buttocks, area above: mutiti nc: nanthi
buttocks, side of: miknu nc: nanthi
by: ngarra
nanthi thanamut ngarra nukunu 'give the thing to him'
preposition

nukunu-ka kem pana ngarra thany

nukunu-ka kem pana ngarra thany

nukunu-ka kem pana ngarra thany
by myself (idiom): mange ngay
mange ngay nguungam ngem 'I'm going by myself'
by that (long distant) way: pangu-re
by that (mid-distant) way: pana-re adv.
by this way: kanhi-re adv.
by way of the right: thakunh-te adv.
by way of the right: batbat-te adv.
calf of leg: ngurdengke nc: nanthi
call by name: NSKAWAHDA
mankawatha 'I said his name' murrinh ngunu-Ka nangkawatha
mani? 'can you(sg) say her name?'
calm: thanthanka adj.
camps, living places, localities: da (negative = manangka
da)
ngarra da 'at home' da Nangu 'Nangu (place name) da thipinhi
'night time' da marrangan 'cold season' manangka da 'no
camp, no time, etc.' noun class
cape gooseberry: kuthpuring nc: mi
careful: thawath adj. or adv.
carpet snake: Kukpi nc: ku
carry all: thelererrnc: nanthi
carry another straddled over one's shoulders: WIL
nganjilalnu nguru 'I will continually carry you on my
shoulder' nganthi 'I carried him on my shoulders'
carry fish on a forked stick: NGKARE
ku ngurlmirl ngangkaren 'I will carry fish on a forked
stick' ku ngurlmirl ngankare 'I carried fish on a forked
stick'
carry over one's shoulder: NANTHI
ngumanta 'I will carry it over my shoulder' ngumanta
'I carried it over my shoulder' ku lawarnka pamanthathath
wurrar 'he always carries the wallaby over his shoulder'
carry stretcher, etc.: NATHBATH
memathathnu tharra 'I'll carry it' memathath ngurrarn 'I'm
carrying it'
cartonema, native grass: Ke nc: nanthi
catch up to another: RTPAK
baripaknu 'I will catch up to him' bangarlati 'I caught up
up to him'
catch, to catch/take a photo: RTA
picture mahnirianu 'I'll catch you/take your photo' manganta
'he caught him' nanthi kamanangawurt 'he continually catches
it'
caterpillar (spec.): piyaye nc: Ku
catfish (spec.): marnpi nc: ku
cautious: DHARRYIT
ngaharritynu 'I'll be cautious' nganthi 'I was
cautious'
cave: weyi palyirnc: da
change direction: WINHIRDARRPAL
ngewinhiradarrpalnu mayernum ngu 'I'll change direction
and go another road' ngempinhiradarrpal 'I changed direction'
change into, to turn into: ATH
ngurdatnu 'I'll change this into ...' ngurdanath 'I changed
this into ...' ngurdathkathnu 'I'll change them into ...'
change one's life: RDUY
nanthi ngurdurduy 'I'll turn the thing around' nukunu-Ka
urwandurnduy wanda nigunu-ya Kardu ngnipunumumaritura
wurrinidha 'he changed her life and she was like another
person' nanthi ngurdurirdoo 'I'll turn the back end
around' thurdumardaruy 'you(sg) turn the middle (main part)
over'
change one's mind: RDUY + MUKMK
mukmuk ngurdurduy 'I'll change my mind' mukmuk
ngurdurirduy 'I changed my mind'
chant a curse (sorcery): REL
ngarrrehqelnu 'I'll chant a curse on you(sg)' pangante
'they(pl) chanted a curse'
chase: THA
mahnirianu 'I will chase you(sg)' manganta 'I chased him'
cheeky: murlak
kura murlak 'alcohol' ku pangkuy murlak 'dangerous snake'
Kardu murlak 'nasty person' adj.
cheek: marda yidi nc: nanthi
chew: RLUK
ngurluknu 'I'll chew' mi thawuy danluk wurrar 'he chews
tobacco'
child (male or female): wakal nc: Kardu
child, small: wakal bingti nc: Kardu
child, young: MAAHAY nc: Kardu
chin: thanthi yuthpan nc: nanthi
choke: DHAKTHUK
choked: nanthi bururru pantikat da nanthi door ngadhapnu 'I'll collect his hair'

choose (more than one item): NGKARART
choose (one item): MANGKART

chop (head): RURIITH
chop into stone: RURIITH

chop (more than one item): NGKARART
choose (one item): MANGKART
memangKartnu 'I will choose it' memmangkart wurrnan he continually chooses one item

chop/cut into stone, anthill, dirt hill, by hand: RURUTH
marnthuruth 'I chopped with my hand'

chop/cut into stone, anthill, dirt hill, with a stick: RURUTH
nanthi bururr pantikat da nanthi door ngadhapnu 'I'll cut into the anthill'

chop/cut into stone, anthill, dirt hill, with axe or rock: RURUTH
pubanaweruruturuthnu puru da pana ngarra putek pangkuy pangkuy 'they(pl) will chop the top (head) off those high dirt hills'

chuckle to oneself when thinking about previous funny event: LUKDAARI 'I chuckled to myself'

cicada bird or triller: ngurru n: ku

circuit: RIKAT
barrkatnu 'I will go around' bangarntikat 'I went around' pantikat da numi-re warda 'he then went around by another way'

circumcise (euphemism): WIT
puddanwitu 'they(pl) will lay his head down' puddanwitu 'they laid his down'

circumcised (euphemism): WIT
nganikwitu 'I'll put my head down' nganarrit 'I continually put my head down'

circumcised boy: thempith n: Kardu

circumcision apron: KARNINthen n: nanthi

circumcision candidates: ngi n: Kardu

circumcision doctor: ngima n: Kardu

clapping sticks: mirrka n: nanthi

clean: tarangka adj.

clean up water debris, by the dry season tides: NGKABARA pankarara wurrnan 'the debris is being cleaned up'

cleaning object for one's own, or another's bottom: tirlpurl n: nanthi

clear, pure: tarangka adj.

cliff bank: dirryerrdi n: da

climb onto: NGKALI
nganikalanu 'I'll climb onto' nganamalna 'I climbed onto'

climb up: LA
nganikalanu 'I'll climb up' nganala 'I climbed up'

clip-clop sound of horses (etc.) feet: Kitkit n.

close: ngalthe
ngalthe 'narrow' ngalthe-ngalthe 'very narrow' n. or adj.

close (reflex): DHAP
ngadhapnu 'it will close' nanthi denthap pirrim 'the thing is closed' nanthi denadhawupnu 'I will close many doors' nganathap 'I closed it'

close one's mouth: DHAP
madhapnu 'I'll close my mouth' manthap 'I closed my mouth' numadhap 'you(pl) shut up!'

cold: RLUNG
pangirlungnu 'I'll be cold' damgirlung dim 'I'm cold'

cold, extremely: pilippilpari adj.

collarbone: manthingapa n: nanthi

collect : KUT
nganiKutnu 'I will gather them' mi Kardikutkuttha 'he was collecting food'

collect : DHAKTHUK
ngadhakthuknu 'I will collect (them)' nganthakthuk 'I collected (them)'

collect by hand: KUT
makatu 'I will gather them' mangankut 'I gathered them'

collect from another: MAKUT
ku money dininmatkutha 'he was collecting money from them(pl) ngamankut 'I collected from him'

collect, to pick up nerite shells from the water: NGKAY
ku ke bangalynu 'I'll collect nerite shells' ku ke bangamacy wurrnan 'he continually collects nerite shells'

comb hair (reflex.): WEPEK
nguwepesknu 'I'll comb my hair' ngampepek 'I combed my hair'

comb hair (trans.): WEPEK
ngunhwepesknu 'I'll comb your(sg) hair' panpepek 'I combed his hair'
crocodile, salt-water, large: warragalpi nc: Ku
cross from another's actions: WERDUY ngamperduy 'I made him cross' damngiwerduy wurrang 'he continually makes me cross'
cross over: KATH ngurrakathnu 'I'll cross over' ngiipilin nharragalpi 'I habitually cross the river'
cross-eyed: WALNGKA ngiwalngknu 'I'll be cross-eyed' ngwalngka 'I'm cross-eyed'
cross-eyed: ilia I maqk kardu walpumamka 'they (pl) are wild' or 'they (pl) are cross-eyed'
adj. crul: wirritmarnti kardu mangle was wirritmarnti 'a person with cruel ways'
crul: burrekburrekman adj.
crunch with teeth: RLIIRR mi ngiirruknu 'I'll crunch the food' dimu damlirr 'he continually grinds his teeth'
current, strong: ngaye nc: kura
curse: WINHIPUTH nganh illlinhiputhnu 'I'll punish you(sg) with fire' ngampinhiputh 'I punished him'
cut into stone, anthill, dirt hill, by firing bullets from a gun: RURUTH ngurruthnu 'I'll fire the gun into it'
cut made in a tree to extract wild honey: yelmun nc: nanthi (sometimes referred to as ku thithay yelgun)
cut, with a knife: RIKAT mi ngurikatnu 'I will cut the bread' mi pantikat 'I cut the bread'
cycad/zamia palm fruit, when green: lala nc: mi
cyclone: warlamarrmarr nc: thu
damper, flour: lawam nc: mi
dance, women only: MURRK pirramurruknu 'she will dance' pardinurrukhna 'they(pl) were dancing'
dance, womens': namurrkin nc: nanthi
dangerous: werrerrethingan adj.
dangerous: murlak kuru murlak 'alcohol' ku pangkuy murlak 'dangerous snake' kardu murlak 'nasty person' adj.
dark, really: thipmam bini nc: da
darter: ngapkapti nc: ku
dead person who has been 'buried' on a raised platform: thangkhan nc: ku
dead person: kardu ngi ngi ngi ngarrim 'person with deformed feet' kardu kunhima 'person with deformed hands' nc: Kardu
delay (intrans): WINHIHEKPAK mere thewinhihekmak nukun 'don't you(sg) delay'
delay another: WINHIHEKPAK mere thangiwinhihekmak nukun 'don't delay me' ngampinhihekmak ngurrang 'I continually delay him'
delice one's hair: WERTIRT ngirruhwiertirtu 'I'll delice your(sg) hair' dirrangapertirt dim 'she's delicing his hair'
demon possessed person: thay + BARKARU kardu thay bakardu 'demon possessed person' kardu thay puban kardu 'demon possessed people (pl)' nc: Kardu
descend (i.e. posterity): RETHBATH ngurdhiththathnu 'I will be next after you(sg)' parramthethbath 'they(pl) are descendants'
descend (intrans.): THUT ngurdhiththunu 'I will descend' ngurthnuthur 'I descended'
descend steeply: WINTIGAT ngawintigatnu 'I'll descend steeply' ngampintigat 'I descended steeply'
descend with an object (trans.): THUT ngurdhuththunu 'I will descend with it' ngurthnuthuthuthun ngarrim 'I continually descend with it'
desert country: pularn nc: da
deserted person - left to die alone because of sickness, etc.: thiwirrin nc: ku
divide (reflex.): YERR
pumeyerryenru 'they(pl) will divide themselves up'
divide, to apportion: YERR
nanthi manarryerreryerruneneme 'I'll divide it up for you (pc)
mannerr 'I divided it'
dizzy: NGKARR
manngingkarr dim 'I'm dizzy'
do: VERBCLASS 34
ngamanu 'I'll say/do' ngaman 'I said/did' ngarra namma?
'what did he say/do to him?' ngarra namma? 'what did
you(sg) say to me?'
dog: were nc: ku
dollar bird: karriyengen nc: ku
dolphin: kalagalak nc: ku
don't!: pirda non-conjugated verb
down: pepe n.
drag: WURR
ngawurru 'I'll drag it' nganthinnurr 'I dragged it'
dragon-fly: mariyin nc: ku
draw: WATHA
nanthi mampawathanu 'I'll make the thing for you (sg)
mampatha 'I made it'
dream: nirn nc: da
dressed in white: BANGURR
ngunubangurrnu 'I'll go dressed in white' dimmangurr 'he's
sitting in white'
drink: GUROUK
kura patha bagurduknru 'I will drink water' kura patha
bankurdruk 'I drank water' kura patha kanakurdugurrku 'he
continually drinks water'
drinkable: kurdugurruk
kura kurdugurrk 'drinkable liquid' adj.
drip: YEL
kura dimyelyel 'the water is dripping'
drizzle: THRIRNGKA
pirrathirrkganu 'it will drizzle' pirrinthirrngka 'it is
drizzling'
droop: BUGARL
pebugaru 'it will droop' demmugaru 'it drooped'
drop a child: BAT
thawath wango kardo wakal dubat nukun 'go carefully, you
might drop the child' thay banmat 'I knocked the tree over'
drowned: YIWIWI

drowned ‘he drowned’ daningiyiktha kardi ‘I continually kept submerging’

drowned: BATH

pangabathnu ‘I will submerge’ kabath nukun ‘he might drown’
ngay-ka mere dengabaththa ‘I didn’t drown’

dry: tuntum adj.

dry, very: yelyeltharr adj.

dry/dead (of leaves, grass etc.): larrin adj.

duck: WIT

pudduwi tnu ‘they(pl) laid his head down’
puddanwit ‘they laid his head down’

duck one’s head: WIT

ganawitnu ‘I’ll put my head down’
nganarrit ‘I continually put my head down’

dugout canoe with blunted ends: thanakuy nc: nanthi

dugout canoe with pointed ends: kininu nc: nanthi

ear: the nc: nanthi

ear wax: the pangaye nc: nanthi

earthworm: thith nc: ku

eastern curlew: kurreykurrey nc: ku

eastern golden plover: dama nc: ku

eat: ATH

mi ngolathnu ‘I’ll eat the food’ mi pullamath ‘they(pl) ate the food’

eat: MURRRK

ku ngurlmiri kanammurrk ‘he habitually eats fish’

echidna: nguluuyguy nc: ku

eclipse: ROARRI

mardarrinu ‘I’ll be behind and object’ marnari dim ‘he’s behind an object (sitting)’

egg: tuntum nc: ku

egg mass on a crab: murlurl nc: nanthi

egg white: thipurl nc: ku

egg yoke: merr nc: ku

inject another (outside) (trans.): WUY

ngunguwaynu ‘I’ll inject him’ ngungannuy ‘I ejected him’

elbow: nithi kureng nc: nanthi

electric ray: puygup nc: ku

electricity: thungku (negative = mathungku)

thungku len ‘hot coals’ thungku thay ‘fire wood’ thungku gun
‘gun/rifle’ mathungku ‘no fire, etc.’ noun class

elope with a woman, (with her consent): NGERAYETH

nginangkayethnu ngarra nigu ‘I’ll elope with her’

embryo (only for pied geese eggs): derrnh nc: ku

empty-handed person: wuma nc: kardu

eму: kananganthan nc: ku

enamel cup or enamel billycan: mangku nc: nanthi

enlarge, used for any body part: RTA
bangamerta ‘enlarged foot’ bangamarta ‘enlarged hand’

erase (intrns.): YERRARR

diyerrarr ‘it erased’

erase (trans.): YERRARR

mayerrarrnu ‘I will erase it’ mamyerrarr ‘I erased it’

er, make a mistake: WINHIKAT

thawinhikat nukun ‘you(sg) might make a mistake’
ngamiphikat ‘I erred’

estuarine rock-cod: wirrigi nc: ku

everywhere: pana-re
da pana-re or da pana ngangka-re ‘everywhere’ nc: da

evil spirit: ngepan wiye nc: ku

evil spirit: Karrath nc: ku

excited: WAL

maul dim ‘he’s excited’ le memwaltha dini ‘they(pl) were excited’

excited: KULKUL

mangikulkulu ‘I’ll be excited’ mangikulkul dim ‘I’m excited’

excreta: mi (negative = mami) noun class

excreta, liquid: yilulul nc: mi

excreta, solid: ngukin nc: mi

excrete: THEK

ngitheknu ‘I will excrete’ ngenthek ‘I excreted’

exhausted: WINHIIMAK

mawinhamaknu ‘I’ll be exhausted’ ngumampinhimak ngumpan ‘we (excl) are exhausted’
exhausted: MERRMEL
mangimerelel dim 'I'm exhausted'

exit (intrans.): WHY
ngungiwaynu 'I'll exit (go outside)' yungawurru wurrun 'he continually exits'

expect: KULKUL
mangikulku dim nukun-nu 'I'm expecting him'

expel: NGKAREL
ngurdankarel 'he expelled them(pl)'

explain: RYYITH
nguridiyithnu 'I will explain it' ngurardinyith 'I explained it'

extinguish by itself (reflex): NGKAN
thungku kingkun nukun 'the fire might extinguish (by itself)'

extinguish fire (with branch, etc.): NGKAN
pankan 'I extinguished it'

extinguish fire or light (by hand or sand): NGKAN
thungku light manguannu 'I'll extinguish the light (turn it off)' thungku makkarr 'I extinguished the fires'

eye: kamarl nc: nanti

eye, corner of one's: kamarl ngarlingki
bamningkardu kamarl ngarlingki-rie 'I saw you(sg) out of the corner of my eye' nc: nanti

eyebrow: kardinrak nc: nanti

eyelash, eyelid: kamarl kimitkimit nc: nanti

eyes, properly positioned: kamarl walingka nc: nanti

face: NGKADITH
nanti purpurrk nangangkadathnu 'face those things to me'

face: MARDATAT
peninthamardatatsu 'they (du m) will face/oppose each other'
deminthamardatat 'they (du m) faced each other'

fail (intrans.): BAY
murengurdibay nukun 'I won't fail' ngurdamaybay ngurrarn 'I continually fail' murrinh ngurdamay 'I failed in speech (I was unsuccessful in getting my point across)'

fail (trans.): BAY
ngurdumpabaynu 'I'll cause you to fail' ngurdannabay 'I caused him to fail'

falcon, little or brown : piljin nc: ku

fall (intrans.): BAT
duybat nukun 'you(sg) might fall' bammat 'I fell' bammath nganam 'I continually fall' ngarrwa damat nninghi-yu 'where were you(sg) born?'

false trumpet shell: palla nc: ku

fan: mangirnu nc: nanti

fan a fire: NGKALLIL
thungku ngurungkalilnu 'I'll fan the fire' thungku ngurdungkalil 'I fanned the fire'

fan fern : thithimampe nc: nanti

far: ngathparr
da ngathparr da ngatha 'still a long way' adj.

father's mother (grandmother): mangka nc: kardu

father's mother's sister(s): mangka nc: kardu

father's sister(s): pipi nc: kardu

father, father's: yile nc: kardu

favour : ningkalingka n.

fear: NHAM
ngenhamnu 'I'll be afraid' ngenham nurrli 'I'm continually afraid' ngenhammanham ngen 'I'm afraid of (from) you(sg)'

fear what another might do: LILI
bangumpunilili dim 'they are afraid' bangunggillilimnintha 'I'm afraid of what he might do to me'

feather(s): murrin nc: nanti
feeble: WURT
ngunuwurtu 'I'll be feeble' nungawurt warda wurran 'he is continually feeble now'

feel (sense): RERETH
mangirereth nukunu thangummu 'I could sense him/sense his presence' mangirdarrirereth 'I sensed it behind my back'

fern (spec.): mayewath nc: nanthi
fever: matharr pimut nc: nanthi
few: nganere n. or adj.

fiddler crab: maramapurr nc: Ku

fight with spears: THA
pumethanu 'we(incl) will fight' pumetha 'they(pl) fought'

fight, by hand or fighting sticks: THUK
pyuthku 'we(du incl) will fight' panninthathuk warda 'those 2 men were fighting then'

fighting club, small: namarr nc: thu
fighting stick, flat - used by men: kumukurr nc: thu
fighting stick, mens': weperl nc: thu
fighting stick, women's: paku nc: thu

fill up (reflex): DHALERT
medhaletnu 'it will fill up' menthalet 'it filled up'

fill up an object: DHALERT
machaletnu 'I will fill it up' mantharlertert wurran 'he continually fills it up'

fill up with people: MARLIP
Kardu wrnangat weyida menamarliptha wurrini da-yu 'many people had filled up the place instead'

fin/spike, of a fish: malawurru nc: nanthi
fingernail: mangel thingin nc: nanthi
fingers: mangel wurrung purruprek nc: nanthi

fire: thungku (negative = mathungku)

fire, wild: kugarn nc: thungku
firearms: thungku (negative = mathungku)

first born child: Kununtharr nc: Kardu
fish (generic): ngurlmirl nc: Ku
fish (generic): ngalarnarn nc: Ku
fish (spec.): thiten nc: Ku
fish (spec.): linhmin nc: Ku
fish (with line): KU
ngikunu 'I'll go fishing/I'll move fast' Ku ngurlmirl perrkenku dimku 'he caught two fish
fisherman, skilled: kungKa nc: Kardu
fishing net: karlay nc: nanthi
five: mange numi n.

flap wings (bird, also used for stingray): BARLBARL
purrubarlbarlnu 'it will fly' nungammararl 'it is flying'
flash (trans.) - (used of operating a projector): MAMATH
manamathnu 'I will flash it (operate the projector)
manmanath 'I flashed it' (operated the projector)

flat: werlpen adj.
flat fish (generic): werlpen nc: Ku
flathead (fish): munhpunh nc: ku
flesh of green mi lala: dirr nc: mi
flesh, human: ngen nc: nanthi
flock pigeon: mirmilinthi nc: Ku
flower: ngulul nc: nanthi or mi
flower, usually of eucalyptus: thathangadhay nc: mi
flower, wild (spec.): ngurntinh nc: mi
fly: BARLBARL
purubarlbarlnu 'it will fly' nungammararl 'it is flying'
fly, common: murl nc: ku

foam at the mouth: THURULKTHAY
Kanamthurrulkthay 'he's foaming at the mouth'
Kardithurrulkthaydha 'he was foaming at the mouth'

foam at the mouth: DHARRYIRR
madharryirrnu 'I'll foam at the mouth' mantharryirr 'I foamed at the mouth'

fog: thapak nc: nanthi
fold: GURUK
manguruk 'I folded it' manguguruk wurran 'he continually
folds it'
follow: RIMAK
ngariwaknu 'I will follow him' ngarntiwak 'I followed him'
foot/feet: me nc: nanthi
forehead: wulumu nc: nanthi
foreign: nganengka adj.
foreskin of penis: ngi darrini nc: nanthi
fork-tailed cat fish: wururlu nc: ku
fork-tailed kite: pulupulu nc: ku
four: perrkenuperrkenku (lit. two two) n.
free: tarangka adj.
free martin (bird): thanpak nc: ku
friend: pulangay
pulangay ngay 'my friend' nc: Kardu
frighten/scare another: RLE
ngurduarnemu 'I'll frighten him' wurdarngarle 'he
frightened me'
frilled-neck lizard: nertpi nc: ku
frog (spec.), little, green: birral nc: ku
frog, big green: nganga nc: ku
from: thangunu
ngay thangunu 'from me' adv.
from: kathu
kani kathu 'from here' purdiwurilnu kathu 'he will return'
adv.
fruit: mi (negative = mami) noun class
fruit from billy goat plum tree: palathu nc: mi
fruit from butterfly tree: manman nc: mi
fruit from cycad/zamia palm (dry): thanpuro nc: mi
fruit from nanthi thay Kilern: Kilern nc: mi
fruit from pandanus screw palm: wai nc: mi
fruit from peanut tree: kurl nc: mi
fruit of cycad/zamia palm, after soaking: put nc: mi
fruit tree (spec.): marrari nc: nanthi
fruit tree (spec.): malangan nc: nanthi
fruit tree (spec.): Kilern nc: nanthi
fruit, edible inside of soaked cycad palm fruit: Kayennu
nc: mi
fruit, edible of bottle tree: bannungutu nc: mi
fruit, edible, from from white love apple tree: kumpampa
nc: mi
fruit, edible, from Kurrajong tree: Kugaing nc: mi
fruit, edible, from Morinda Citifolia: mamurt nc: mi
fruit, edible, from nanthi ngarikuri: ngarikuri nc: mi
fruit, edible, from nanthi thay malangan: malangan nc: mi
fruit, edible, from nanthi thay marrari: marrari nc: mi
fruit, edible, from Personia Falcata: Katan nc: mi
fruit, edible, of nanthi ke: ke nc: mi
fruit/berry from nanthi lintha: lintha nc: mi
full noon: merr ngulimengki nc: nanthi
full up: thanthi
nanthi thanthi wanda 'the thing is full now' n.
fur of an animal: kulpurru nc: nanthi
galah: kilikkilik nc: ku
gather: KUT
nganikutnu 'I will gather them' mi Kardikutketha 'he was
collecting food'
gather by hand: KUT
makutnu 'I will gather them' mangankut 'I gathered them'
gather together: WERR
ngay murninh-nu ngunperrnu 'I'll gather people together for
a talk'
gather together (reflex.): WERR
kardu puyemperrnu 'they(pl) will gather themselves together'
kardu puyemperr 'they(pl) gathered themselves together'
gathering of people: mimit n.
gaze, to look on: NGKAKA
kangkari mangkanu 'I will gaze above' manka 'I gazed'
gecko: wamparn nc: ku
gecko: kanarnurrturrt nc: ku
get used to, to habituate: YERL mere ngurdiyerldha 'I wasn't used to it' ngurdantherl ngurrar 'I'm used to it'
get, to take: ART martnu 'I'll get it' manganart 'I got it' nanthi thamaarl pumartnu 'we(incl) will sing a song'
giant manta (stingray): marrimi nc: ku
giant mitre shell: nilparlart nc: ku
get used to, to habituate: YERL
Iasn't used to it'
gurran 'I'm used to it'
I'll get it'
I got it'
I'm used to it'
I'll get it'
I got it'
I habitually go early'
I will give to you'
I gave to him'
give: MAARA banhimardanu 'I will give to you' bangamarda 'I gave to him'
give, to mA! 'give it to me!' non-conjugated v.
give birth to a child: WAAN piuaknu 'it will lay an egg' dinnapawak 'it laid many eggs'
give to oneself (reflex.): MAARA belnu)mardanu 'I will give to myself' bennu)marda 'I gave to myself'
glabra mitre shell: pinyi nc: ku
Glabra mitre shell: minthingpu nc: ku
glamorous, to be pleasing to look upon: THAPKA mamnithapka din 'you face looks glamorous' manthapka pimru 'it looks good'
glide: WEWAY ku pulupulu punmerwuraynu parrn 'the fork-tailed Kites will glide' mampeyway 'it glided'
glide: WEL mawelnu 'it will glide' ku murrirrbe mampel kanam 'the bird is gliding'
go: -WAT pangu da ngarriwat 'I habitually go there' pumpanwat 'they(pl) are going'
go around: RIKAT barikatnu - ngurikatnu 'I will go around' bangartikat - pantikat 'I went around' pantikat da numi-re warda 'he then went around by another way'
go down: THUT ngurdithutnu 'I will descend' ngurdanuth 'I descended'
go down the wrong way (eating or drinking): WURR kur-a bangammiwurr 'the water went (down my throat) the wrong way'
go early before sunrise: PAP ngurrupupnu 'I'll go early' ngarrimpaawar 'I habitually go early'
go into labour: LU mengulu 'she will go into labour' mungelu 'she went into labour'
go over one's head: WET nanthi ngurtonthi pangitutnu 'the waves will continually go over my head' damet 'it went over his head'
go too far: ROARRIRAL mere thungudarriral thi 'don't you(sg) go too far'
yungannarriral punnan 'he continually goes too far'
go/move without stopping: RINGARL ngunuridharlnu 'I slip walking' or 'I'll go without stopping'
gomphrena: mayethalanthay 'mangkatalanthay nc: nanthi good: patha adj.
green tree snake (small): wa rum nc: ku

grevillea: murdak nc: nanthi

grey goshawk: thut nc: ku

grey hair: pemarr pulu nc: nanthi

grey salt-water catfish: kuriurturt nc: ku

grind teeth: RLIRR

mi ngarirru 'I'll crunch the food' dimu damliurr kanam 'he continually grinds his teeth'

groin: parnta nc: nanthi

group: kurriyik n.
group, united: marda ngala n.p.
gr (trans.): RURTURT

gnurdanurturturt ngurrang 'I'm growing up' ndurdanurturturth ngurrin 'I was growing up'
gr (trans.): RURTURT

mi dhephdup ngurdururturtnu ngurrur 'I'll continually grow food'
grow (as of a dog): NGIRRK

ku were dinngangirr 'the dog growled at me'
growing: ngirrkinng nc: nanthi

grub (generic): ngurrmu nc: ku

grub, white: tirimlu nc: ku

grub, white: karurn nc: ku

guard: NGKAKA

ngirrangKanu 'I'll watch over it' ngirrrangKan 'I watched over it'
guide: NGKAYI

mangkayinu 'I'll guide him' mankan 'I guided him'
gum nut, edible inside: thu nc: mi
gum, black, from root of ironwood tree: melk nc: nanthi
gum, of tooth: dimu ngeng nc: nanthi

hailstone(s): ngalila nc: Kura

hair belt: pemarr nc: nanthi

hair lip, person with: ngamama nc: kardu

hair, of head: pemarr nc: nanthi

hairy: thngthingman adj.

ham: maparr nc: nanthi

hammer, wooden: maran nc: nanthi

hammerhead shark: walmarr nc: ku

hand: mame nc: nanthi

handle of an implement: mirarr nc: nanthi

handless: thutthutma adj.

hang oneself (reflex.): NGKALE

mengakelu 'I will hang myself' mengakelungk 'I hung myself'

hang up: NGKALE

mengakelu 'I will hang up (one object)' mengakelungk 'I hung up (many objects)'

happy, to be happy with: le + VERBCLASS 1, 4, 6 or 7

le nganam 'I'm happy' le ngemppa 'I'm happy for you(sg)'

hatch (egg): DHALERR

ku tumtum punudhajerrru 'the egg(s) will hatch' ku tumtum nunganthalerr 'the egg(s) hatched'

have: VERBCLASS 22

nanthi kalthi qin dim 'he has the thing' nanthi Kanthidha wurru 'he was taking the thing'

have itchy throat (inside): DHAHAYERR

danngidhamayerr dim 'I have an itchy throat'

have many things on ones mind: NGKAWAY

mukumg ngurdungkawuyru 'I'll have many things on my mind'
mukumg ngurdankawuy nganam 'I continually have many things on my mind'

have phlegm caught in throat: DHAHANUN

danngidhanunnu dim 'I have phlegm caught in my throat'

have something caught in one's throat: DHAHAWUR

pungidhamawurru 'I'll have something caught in my throat'

panthamawurr 'he had something caught in his throat'

have something caught in one's throat: BATH

yingamngibath dim 'I have something caught in my throat'

have with one: MATHAK

nanthi pungimathaknu 'I will have things with me' ku were pannimathak 'I had a dog with me'

he: nukunu pronoun
head: pelpith nc: nanthi

head man: pule
kardu pule ngala 'big head man' kardu pulen-pulen 'the old men' nc: kardu

headache: NGKAWURL
mangingkawurlnu 'I will have a headache' mamingkawurl dim 'I have a headache'

headache, in the temple area: NGKARNERN
mangingkarnernnu 'I will have a headache in the temple area' mamingkarnern dim 'I have a headache in the temple area'

headband, woven: warkur nc: nanth
headless: thutthutpe adj.

heap up: ROARRIRDURDU
mardarrirdurdu 'I'll heap it up' marnarrirdurdu 'I heaped it up'

heap up on oneself: ROARRIRDURDU
nanthi blanket nemninthardarrirdurdu 'they (dum) heaped up the blankets on themselves'

hear: YEPUP
binthepup 'I heard' binnayepup ngem 'I continually listen to him'

hear about: YEPUP
nguyyepupnu 'I will hear about it' ngamayepup 'I heard about him'

hear for another: MAYEPUP
binnamayepup 'I heard for him'

heart: magulkul nc: nanthi
heavy: yithit adj.

heavy, with pain: yitmam
yitman 'his foot is heavy with pain' adj.

heel: me timelu nc: nanthi

help: MANPI
mananpinu 'I will help' mammanpi 'I helped'

help oneself: MANPI
meenmunanpinu 'I will help myself' ngumemnulmanpi ngarnam 'we (excl.) always help each other'

her, hers : nignu pronoun

here: kanhi
da kanhi 'this place' or 'here' n.

hermit crab: thananga nc: ku

hiccup: KUNUN
bangamngikunun dim 'I'm hiccuping' bangamkunun 'he's hiccuping'

hide an object: NGATH
nanthi ngurdungathnu 'I'll hide the thing' nanthi ngurdungathkathnu 'I'll hide the things' wurdanpunngkathkathnu 'she hid them (pl.)'

hide oneself: NGATH
ngurdungathnu 'I will hide myself' ngurdungathkununene 'we (incl, pc m) will hide ourselves'

hill, mountain: palyirr nc: da

him, his: nukunu pronoun

hindered - from moving: NGKAYETH
lainingkmanhingkamit nukunu 'the ocean might block you(sg) off' ku buffalo mamingkamit wurran 'the buffalo continually blocks me off'

hit: putput nc: thu

hit (reflex): REE
berrkure 'I hit myself'

hit (with a missile): KU
ngikunu 'I'll go fishing/I'll move fast' ku ngurlmirl 'he caught two fish'

hit animals: THUK
nguthuknu 'I will hit/kill it' panthuk 'I hit/killed it'

hit lightly: NGKAYETH
mere thiningkayeth nukunu 'don't you(sg) hit me' mamingkathkathnu wurran 'he continually hits me'

hit once: BAT
ngungubatnu 'I'll hit you(sg) once' pammat 'I hit him'

hit with something pointed or round: REE
bangarne 'I hit it (once)' berderedha ngardi 'I was hitting it'

hoarder: mardarrmardarr nc: kardu

hobble: ROARRORDURDU
punurdardarunu 'he will hobble' wurrannardarr 'he is hobbling'

hold: YIT
nanthi maiti 'I will hold it' nanthi maititthit ngurrar 'I continually hold it'
hold/retain in one’s mouth before swallowing: BIRR
ngarra thatpi-re danibirrutha wurrini nanthi mulurn ‘he was
holding the leaf in his mouth (going)’ ngammirr nganam ‘I
continually hold it in my mouth’

hold/take to chest: MARADA
nganumardanu ‘I will hold him to my chest’ nganthinnumarda
ngarrim ‘I’m holding him to my chest (standing)’

hole, large: weyi nc: da
honey, wild: thithay nc: ku
honey, wild – from mangrove area: kalarni nc: ku
hook of spear-thrower: kamarl nc: nanthi
horn-eyed ghost crab: malarnarn nc: ku
hot ground, very: wulingintin nc: da
house, building: thelput nc: nanthi
house, from paperbark: thelput we nc: nanthi
how far: ngarra-wa diki?
ngarra-wa dini kulthil-yu ‘how far to Kulthil?’
interrogative

how many?: thanku numa? interrogative
how much?: thanku numa? interrogative
how?: ngarra-re?
ngarra-re nampathu nanthi pana-yu? ‘how did you(sg) make
that thing?’ interrogative

howl (dog/dingo): BEK
ku were pirrabeckebku ‘the dog will continually howl’

human beings, (Aboriginal only): kardu (negative = makardu)
noun class
kardu thipman ‘black person (Aboriginal)’ kardu
ngarrithgarrit ‘spirit children’ kardu ngepan ‘soul/spirit
of a living person’ kardu pule ‘old man, leader, husband’

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hunger pains: HARDAYARRARR
mangimardayarrarrnu ‘I will have hunger pains’
mangimardayarrarrdim ‘I have hunger pains’

hungry: medeyi
medeyi ngen ‘I’m hungry’ (lit. I’m sitting with hunger)
non-conjugated verb
hungry, very: WIRNTAY
ngungwirintaynu ‘I’ll be hungry/breathless’ ngunganpinrtay
ngen ‘I am hungry/breathless’

hunter, skilled: KungKa nc: Kardu

husband, term used by wife to address husband: pule
Kardu pule ngala ‘big head man’ kardu pulen-pulen ‘the old
man’ nc: Kardu

husk, shell of food: darripi ngernu nc: mi or nanthi

I : ngay pronoun

ibis, white: pungungtir nc: ku

ignite dry grass, leaves, paper, etc.: RIRTURT
ngarinturtu ‘I will ignite it’ ngarnturtu ‘I ignited it’

ignorant of: NGKAPI
ngururahkapinu ‘I won’t recognize you (sg)’ ngurdankapi
‘I didn’t recognize him’

illustrate by story: WERT
murrin dampert ‘he told an illustrative story’ murrin
dampurt ‘he alluded the(sg) by his speech’

imitate, mimic: WINHINGKATTHAT
ngawinthtingkatthnu ‘I will imitate him’ ngampinthingkatthat
‘I imitated him’

important: ngala adj.

in: ngarra

nanthi thanamut ngarra nukunu ‘give the thing to him’
preposition

increase: WITHPITH
 dampipithdim ‘it is increasing’ daniwithpiththa wurrini
‘it was increasing’

indigestion: WURR
bangamuwurr dim ‘I have indigestion’ bangawurr ‘he had
indigestion’

inform: YERR
murrin dangiyerr ‘he informed me’ danthelerr wurran ‘he
continually informs/announces (news)’

instep of foot: me pangkin nc: nanthi

instruct: WINHINGKAYIT
ngawinthtingkitnu ‘I will instruct him’ damaampinthingkit
wurran ‘he continually instructs’

intelligible: tarangka adj.

island: ngalburnu nc: da

island, still joined to mainland by sand: ngalburnudarri
nc: da
itchy eyes: NGKANHNRNHNH

damningkganinhnhinh dim 'it is picturesque to my eyes'

jabiru: thimeri nc: ku

javelin fish: winhat nc: ku

jealous, to envy: NGKE

ngirrinhingkenu 'I'll be jealous of you' dirranganke wurranki

'he's continually jealous

jealousy: ningKeningke n.

Jesus: Kangkarlmuwnc: ku (noun class not often used)

jitters: wererrerr nc: nantith

John Dory (fish): darranganhnc: ku

join: RLERR

ngarlerrrnu 'I'll join it together' ngamerr 'I joined it together'

join ends together: DHAWIRLERR

ngadhawirlerrrnu 'I'll join the ends together' nganthawirlerrr

'joined the ends together'

joint (e.g. bamboo): putung

mange putung 'finger knuckle' putung-putung 'knuckles'

nc: nanthi

juice: Kakpa nc: nanthi

jump: walal nc: nanthi

jump down (intrans.): WAL

ngurdawalnu 'I will jump down' ngurdawal 'I jumped down' puddalal 'they (pl) jumped down'

jump something down: WAL

ngurdawalnu 'I will jump it down' ngurdannal 'I jumped it down'

Kangaroo, female antilopine: baybaye nc: ku

Kangaroo, male antilopine: Kumpit nc: ku

Kapok tree: thut nc: nantith

keep clear: ngathparr

ngathparr 'move away!' non-conjugated verb

Keep something for oneself: MIT

nantith ngirramani nu 'I will keep the thing for myself' nantith

ngirraangamit ngem 'I'm keeping the thing for myself'

Keep watch: BIRLBIRL

ngibiribirlnu 'I will keep watch' ngemmulbirl 'I kept watch'

kelp shell: thali nc: ku

Kicks: RIRDA

ngunurirdanu 'I will push it with my foot' ngunungarnirda

'I pushed it with my foot

Kidney fat man: ngapkapti nc: ku

Kidney fat, from animals: pelenangka nc: ku

kidneys: thiminkit nc: nantith

Kill animals: THUK

nguthknu 'I will hit/kill it' pantuk 'I hit/kill ed it'

King brown snake: tharngkin or tharingkin nc: ku

King prawn: thapulin nc: ku

King tide: tharrwawu nc: nantith (wailingkin)

King tide: protrugu-purrugu nc: nantith (wailingkin)

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Knee: pingkarl nc: nantith

Knee, area behind: pingkarl Karlay nc: nantith

Kneecap: pingkarl Kurnern nc: nantith

Knock over: BAT

thawath wangu kardu wakal dubat nukun 'go carefully, you might drop the child' thay bamm 'I knocked the tree over'

Knock over, by means of an implement: RIRDA

ngurirdanu 'I will push it over with an implement' pantirda

'I pushed it over with an implement'

Knock over, by one's body, or by means of an implement

: RIRDA

baririndanu 'I will push him over with my body' bangarntida

'I pushed him over with an implement'

Knocked off one's feet: METHERDA

nanthi ngurrti nthi pannangan Kurethardayni ntha 'the wave(s) knocked us (du m ex) off our feet'

Know: VERBCLASS 22 + THE

the nganthin 'I know' the Kanthicha dini 'he knew' the nganthinpun 'I knew them(pl)'

Know: BATH + THE

the mabathnu 'I will know' the mammath 'I know mere the mabath 'I don't know' the manhimabathnu 'I'll know your(sg) actions/ways'
lay another's head down: WIT
puddawitnu 'they(pl) will lay his head down' puddanwit 'they laid his down'

lay down an object(s) horizontally: PUP
ngiuppuw 'I will lay it down' ngiuppuw 'I laid it down' wakai ngiuppuw 'I've borne many children'

lay down in an object or in the middle of an object: MARDAPUP
ngiuramduppuw 'I will lay it in the middle' ngiuramduppuw 'I laid it inside'

lay down one's head: WIT
nganuwitnu 'I will put my head down' nganarrit 'I continually put my head down'

lay one's head on a pillow: NGKARDAL
ngurupkardalnu 'I will lay my head on a pillow' ngurupkardal 'I laid my head on a pillow'

leach: lerenhe nc: ku

lead another to a place he doesn't know: NGHAYI
mangkayinu 'I'll guide him' mankayi 'I guided him'

leading: KUMPARA
kardu kumpara 'leading man' adj.

leafy, very: themalurn adj.

learn: NGATHAN
ngangkathanu 'I will learn' ngangkathani 'I learned'

learn by observation: MARIT
thirrangamarit 'you(sg) learn from me by observation'

leave: PART
nganimpapartu 'I'll leave it for you'(sg) nanthi pana kanamIRR wurruru 'he continually leaves that thing'

leave tracks: WERKPEK
ngurrinlwepektha 'I was leaving my tracks' nanthi truck naewekpektha 'the truck was leaving its tracks'

leave/depart without another: NGKARDURR
ngunngiurangkardurrnu 'I'll leave without you' yungankardurr 'he left without him'

left: thakunh
mangkunh 'left hand' thakunhngima 'I'm left handed' adj.

left by another: NGKARDURR
yungankardurr 'he was left behind'

left-over food: titmut nc: mi

left-over meat: titmut nc: ku

left-overs: mamadhalert nc: nanthi, mi, ku, etc
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lump/growth: benh nc: nanthi
lung(s): parnturtumparn nc: nanthi
mainland: pangkin
mavern pangkin wangung 'overland road' nc: nanthi
make large: NGALA
mangalanu 'I'll make it large' mamngala 'I made it large'
make oneself big, important: NGALA
mangalanu 'I'll make myself important' meminulingala 'I made myself important'
make smoke with green leaves on a fire: GUNA
ngugamanu 'I will make smoke' pankuma 'I made smoke'
make string designs with hands: NA
nanthi perrenemadahanem pirrine 'they were passing the thing along to him' nanthi pidi demma dim 'she is making a string design'
make, create, fashion: WATHA
nanthi mampawathunu 'I'll make the thing for you (sg)' mampathu 'I made it'
maillard duck: bangammerta nc: ku
man who has lost his son or daughter: Kurli nc: Kardu
mangrove tree (spec.): dara nc: nanthi
mangrove worm (spec.): warrgi nc: ku
mangrove worm (spec.) (not edible): pelmungku nc: ku
mangrove/jungle area then cleared area, and so on: pannungarna da nc: da
mangroves: dara nc: da
many: wurnangat adj.
many: terert adj.
many angled latirus band shell: thingel nc: ku
marry: MARDI
buynginthamardinu 'those 2 will marry' bamnginthamardi 'those 2 married'
marvel: MARDAT
i Kardu ngamere-Ka punennardat ku ngurlmir nhini-nu-yu 'and the few men were amazed at all those fish'
masked plover: kaltherrerre nc: ku
massive: kakekale adj.
maybe, perhaps: nganaka
me, mine: ngay pronoun
meat, from animals, fish, etc.: ngen nc: ku
meet: MARDABI
bamardabinu 'I will meet him' bangammadabi 'I met him'
menstrual bleeding: warrpa nc: nanthi
Merten's water monitor: kuraewe nc: ku
message: thukthuk nc: murrinh
message stick: mak nc: nanthi
midday: ngungu pelpith nc: da
milk from breast: ngapurlu nc: nanthi
milkwood: kulungam nc: nanthi
mirage: wuughtinun nc: da
misplace: NGKARDARRATH
mangkardarrathnu 'I'll lose track of it' nanthi mankardarrathkath wurran 'he continually misplaces it'
miss event or person: NGKAMUT
nonthi aeroplane panngingkamut 'I missed the aeroplane (it went without me)' thanningkamut 'you (sg) went without me (but you didn't know)'
missee seeing: WIRNTAY
bangammarntay 'I missed him'
missee writing something down: NGKAMUT
murrinh pana ngamkatmus nguran 'I continually miss writing down that word'
missee, with spear, giving a message: WIRNTAY
ngawirntaynu 'I will miss' ngamrntay 'I missed'
missee, with stick, giving a message: WIRNTAY
thu thay pannmgirntay 'I missed (hitting) him with the stick'
missee, with stone, short spear: WIRNTAY
bangammarntay 'I missed him'
moiety group: tiwungku nc: ku
moiety group: karthiin nc: ku
month, one: merrk nc: da
moon: merrk nc: nanthi
moon rising, last quarter: RINGKAPURL
puringkarulpurlu purru 'the moon will continually rise' pantingkarulpurl wurran 'the moon continually rises'
Horinda Citifolia: mamurt nc: nanthi
morning time: thipinhere nc: da
mosquito, black: darrirda nc: ku
mosquito, white: ngalek nc: ku
moss: kurrukurruk nc: nanthi
moth(s), bug(s), (generic): mangurrurdek nc: ku
mother who has lost son or daughter: ngurryirr nc: kardu
mother with first-born child: marrathirri nc: kardu
mother's brother: Kaka nc: kardu
mother's mother (grandmother): Kawu nc: Kardu
mother's mother's sister(s): Kawu nc: kardu
mother, actual: Kalekale nc: Kardu
mother, mother's sisters: Kale nc: kardu
mothers, plural: Kalekale nc: kardu
mountain: therretherr en nc: da (palyirr)
moustache: thathipi nc: nanthi
mouth, big and ugly: thaykunudhay adj.
mouth, opening: thathipi
murrinh thathipi ngarra ngay thangu / 'words from me/my words' nc: nanthi

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move (intrans.): WUTETH
puwutethnu 'he will move (lying)' yibimputeh 'he moved (lying)'
move along the edge: MARDAA
ngumardanu 'I will move along the edge' panmarda 'I moved along the edge'
move along the edge: ROERTPART
ngurdertparntu 'I'll skirt along the edge' pannertpartu 'I skirted along the edge'
move an object: RRURR
nanthi pana tharrurr pangu wangu 'you(sg) move that thing over there'
move away: RRURR
thirrarrurr wurru 'move back (standing) one step'
thirrarrurrurr Kahu 'move forward (standing) a few steps'
pirrirrurr 'he moved'
move away: ngathparr
ngathparr! 'move away!' non-conjugated verb
move away!: wurrurr
wurrurr wangu-ya 'move away! (sitting)' wururr Kahu 'move this way!' non-conjugated verb
move backwards: RIRDA
benzirinda ngarrir thawath 'I backed off slowly'
move quickly : KU
ngikunu 'I'll go fishing/I'll move fast' ku ngurlmirl
perrenku dinku 'he caught two fish'
movr right through the middle: MARDAAWAL
ngurrumardawalu 'I will move/go straight through the middle' ngunungammandawal 'I told him off'
ngunungammandalu ngurran 'I continually reproved him'
movr straight : KARL
ku kanarturturt wurrankari 'the crocodile moved along straightly'
movr/go (long distance): VERBCLASS 7
ngununu ngi 'I'll go' ngunungam ngem 'I'm going'
movr/go (short distance): VERBCLASS 6
ngurrunu 'I will go' ngurran 'I'm going'
movr/tmrn an object (trans.): WUTETH
Kardu natharr Kanhi mawutethnu 'I will move/tmurn this sick person' Kura tap maaputethputeth wurran 'he continually turns the tap on'
movr/tmrn oneself: WUTETH
neinuwwutethnu 'I will turn/movr myself' neinulwwuteth 'I turned/movr myself'
nud crab: baili nc: ku
mullet (spec.): manthalal nc: ku
mullet (spec.): Kulangu nc: ku
mullet (spec.): parnpi nc: ku
mumble: MARDANGURRK
murrinh mawmangurrk dim 'he is mumbling'
murderer: mayi nc: ku (or Kardu)
murderess: mayirdarni nc: ku (or Kardu)
murex shell: thiwan nc: ku
murex shell (spec.): nanta nc: ku
name(s): murrinh (negative = manangka murrinh) noun class
murrinh manay 'childrens talk' murrinh thelerrdhe 'news'
murrinh school 'school'
namesake: kanthirra n.

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Nape of neck: thumnu nc: nanthi

Narrow: ngalthe
ngalthe 'narrow' ngalthe-ngalthe 'very narrow' n. or adj.

Nasty: murlak
kura murlak 'alcohol' ku pangkuy murlak 'dangerous snake'
kardu murlak 'nasty person' adj.

Navel: thirrimeme
thirrimeme-nu ngurran 'I'm going to the toilet' nc: nanthi

Nearly: tharrngi
pangkuy tharrngi 'fairly long' adv.

Neck: thamar nc: nanthi

Necklace: kinilik nc: nanthi

Necklace: kerte taman nc: nanthi

Nerite shell: ke nc: ku

New: marra
thamu marra 'new spear' marra Kanhi 'here now' n. or adj.

New moon: merrk thipuri nc: nanthi

News: murrinh (negative = manangka murrinh) noun class
murrinh manay 'children's talk' murrinh thelerrde 'news'
murrinh school 'school'

News, Information, Announcement: thelerrde nc: murrinh

Night time: thipindi nc: da

Night, middle of: khalkk nc: da

Nights slept: wirrit nc: da

Nipple-of breast: ngapurlu thimu nc: nanthi

No: wurda n.

No: awu
awu 'no' awu wurda 'definately not' n.

No good, inferior, deteriorated: wiye adj.

Nobody, Nonsense: wardam nc: kardu

Non-Aboriginal Songs: murrinh (negative = manangka murrinh)
noun class
murrinh manay 'children's talk' murrinh thelerrde 'news'
murrinh school 'school'

Northern bandy-bandy: ninigkin nc: ku

Northern Rosella: kaba nc: ku

Northern Snapping turtle: pirlimarr nc: ku

Nose: thimu nc: nanthi

Nose excretament: tipuri nc: nanthi

Not (negative word): manangka
manangka thipnum 'not black'

Not give opportunity, to not give one a chance: WERR
thamgawerr 'you(sg) didn't give me a chance' or 'you(sg)
were too anxious towards me'

Not recognize: NOKAPI
ngurdunhingkapunu 'I won't recognize you (sg)' ngurdankapi
'I didn't recognize him'

Not to notice: BIYE
meyibenu 'I will not notice' menthebiye kanam 'he
continually overlooks it'

Now: marra
thamu marra 'new spear' marra Kanhi 'here now' n. or
adj.

Numb: parrangparrangham adj.

Numb by injection: PARRANG
nganhimaparrangu 'I'll numb your hand'

Numb by stone or spear: PARRANG
bangamparrang 'I made him numb'

Numb by using a stick: PARRANG
ngunhemparrangu 'I'll numb your foot'

Nymphoides: karl nc: nanthi

Obey: BATH + MURRINH
murrinh manangabath 'he believed/obeyed my word' mere murrinh
mengebahthana 'he didn't believe/obey her word'

Observe, to keep a lookout: ROARRIRRTIR
ngirrardarririrti 'I'll observe' ngirrangarririrtir
ngurrana 'I continually observe'

Obstructed from moving: ROURL
ngardurinu 'I'll be blocked off' angururi 'I was blocked
off' nganirdurinuha ngini 'I was continually obstructed'

Ocean: lalingkin nc: nanthi

Octopus, squid: mangkangunga nc: ku
offensive weapons (not spears): thu (negative = mathu)
  thu kuragadha 'boomerang' thu malarntath 'thunder and
  lightning' mathu 'no weapons, etc.' noun class

old: murntak
nanthi murntak 'old thing' da murntak or da murntak warra
  'old time' i.e. long ago, before, etc. adj.

old man: pule
  kardu pule ngaia 'big head man' kardu pulen-pulen 'the old
  men' nc: kardu

on: ngarra
  nanthi thanamut ngarra 'give the thing to him'
preposition

one who continually asks: tharrpudharrpudhay nc: kardu

one who continually requests: kunthikunthyi nc: kardu

open: DHARL
  madharlunu 'I will open it' mantharlurl 'I opened them (many
  objects)'

open (reflex): DHARL
  madharlunu 'it will open' nanthi door mentharl pirrim 'the
  door is open'

open another's mouth: DHAWIBEK - DHAYBEK
  manthiwhawibeknu 'I'll open your(sg) mouth' manthawibek 'I
  opened his mouth'

open one's mouth: BEKTHAY
  ngibekthaynu 'I'll open my mouth' kanamekthay 'he,
  continually opens his mouth'

open up house of deceased ceremonially: WERDUM
  thelpulpuwerdumnu 'they(pl) will open the house up' thelpul
  punpaperdum 'they(pl) opened the house up'

ordinary: nguthngen adj.

ornament worn in hair for dancing: murrirr nc: ku

ornament worn through hole in nasal septum: purnurrurn
  nc: nanthi

orphan: minarrthi nc: kardu

osprey: nal nc: ku

our Father (i.e. God): Yile neki nc: ku [noun class not
  often used]

out of tune: mawuk nc: nanthi

outside, exterior: tharrnu n.

overcome with awe, to be greatly astonished:
  RDARRIMEPU
  nukmuk penene-ka mampunkurrimepudamu-nathen 'their(pc
  m) brains just couldn't grasp it' kamarl ngay-ka
  mangukurrimepu 'my eyes couldn't behold it'

overlook: BIYE
  meyibenu 'I will not notice' menthebiye kanam 'he
  continually overlooks it'

overshoot intentionally: DHARRWAT
  ngadhatrattu 'I'll go past' dantharrwatwat wurran 'he
  continually overshoots'

overstep: ROARRIRAL
  mere tharrngirrilral thi 'don't you(sg) go too far'
  yungannarritual wurran 'he continually goes to far'

oyster, small: wuridirr nc: ku

oyster, small: ngere nc: ku

pain: yidingurr nc: nanthi

paint (reflex): PAK
  nguy(nu)paknu 'I'll paint myself'

paint up: PAK
  kardu ngumpaknu 'I'll paint them(pl) up'

painted sweet-lip (fish): nhininhpe nc: ku

painting instrument (paintbrush): pakpak nc: nanthi

pandanus, (straight trunk: tharrangangg ngk n n n x: nanthi

pandanus, screw palm: thanga nc: nanthi

pant (dog): NGERENGERE
  ku were yibinngerengere 'the dog is panting (lying)'

panting (dog): ngerengere nc: nanthi

paperbark container, long: pirdirr nc: nanthi

paperbark tree (spec.): me nc: nanthi

pass intentionally: DHARRWAT
  ngadhatrattu 'I'll go past' dantharrwatwat wurran 'he
  continually overshoots'

pass on/along: MA
  nanthi perrenemadhaneme pirrine 'they were passing the thing
  on/along' murrinh wangu menanamu nukunu-nu 'pass the word
  along to him' nanthi pi demma dim 'she is making a string
  design'

peace: watmam n.

peaceful dove: kurlurntuptk nc: ku

peanut tree: kurl nc: nanthi

pearl oyster shell: langkalangka nc: ku

pearl oyster shell, small: pinthenthe nc: ku

pearly nautilus shell: merrk nc: ku
pinpoint, position where a person is: RINU
ngururwunu 'I'll count' pantiwu 'I counted' pannarriru ngem 'I admire him'

places associated with talking or learning: murrinh (negative = manangka murrinh) noun class
murrinh mamay 'children's talk' murrinh thelerdhe 'news' murrinh school 'school'

plant: BIRR
babirrbirrnu 'I will plant (many objects)' bangannmarr 'I planted it'

planted: birrbirr
Ku birrbirr 'buried corpse' adj.

play the didgeridoo: THU
marluk nganthu 'I will blow the didgeridoo' marluk nganthu
'I blew the didgeridoo'

playing cards: thu (negative = mathu)
thu kuragada 'boomeran' thu malarnath 'thunder and lightning' mathu 'no weapons, etc.' noun class

plead, to beg: RUPURL
ngummarparluririnu 'we (pl ex) will plead with you (sg)' memmarluriru 'I pleaded to him' kardu merlupurlu wurran 'he continually pleads'

pleasant: murrumuri adj.

plough, to grade: MARDARL
ngamadarrinu 'I'll plough the ground' nanthi tharntu
dammadarrinu wurran 'the boat is ploughing through (the water)'

point out: NGKAYADAR
ngamangkayardanu 'I will point it out to you(sg)' ngamkayardu
'I pointed it out'

poison fish with bark: KURAK
ngikurriru 'I will poison catfish' ngamkurrk 'I poisoned catfish'

poke/probe in a hole, using an instrument: NGKAY
ngangkaynu 'I'll poke in the hole' ngamkawayr ngurrin 'I continually poke in the hole'

polygynous man: dakarranh adj.

pool of water from rain: Kaputhkaputh nc: Kura

pool within a river: Kaputhkaputh nc: Kura

possessions of another: Karnabuy nc: nanthi (etc.)

potato, bush (spec.): WAMALI nc: KURU
potato, bush (spec.): THEA nc: MI

potato, bush (spec.): Kurtintharr nc: MI
nanthi thithimampe
fan fern

mi kurl
peanut tree fruit

mi yidi
native red apple

thay bamngutut
bottle tree

mi lala
cycad palm fruit
mi palathi
billy goat plum

mi kumpampa
white love apple

ku balli
mud crab

mi malangan
black plums (spec.)
potato, bush (spec.): kumulu nc: mi

pour into: WINHIMARDAvak
ngawinhimardapak 'I will pour into (one container)'
ngawinhimardapaknu 'I will pour into (more than one container)'
pour into (intrans.): WINHIMARDAvak
dempinhimardapak 'it poured into (one container)'
pour into (intrans.): WINHIMARDAvak
dempinhimardapaknu 'it poured into (more than one container)'
powdery, dry: thalpuruthay adj.

praise another: RIPARL
nganhirirarpalnu 'I will praise you(sg)'
prranir iparlnu 'they(pl) were continually praising him'

praise oneself: RIPARL
nganhiriparlhnru 'I'll praise myself'

praise words: tiparlti nc: murrin

praising mantis: malarntath nc: ku
pregnant: putput adj.
pregnant: marda adj.

prepare: WATHWATHA
mangewathawathanu 'I will prepare it for her'
mangewathawathanu 'I prepared it'
prepare oneself (reflex.): WATHWATHA
mangewathawathanu 'I will prepare myself'
mangewathawathanu 'I prepared myself'

prohibit, to disallow: PUNH
mempapunhnu 'I'll prohibit you(sg)'

promise, i.e. one promised in marriage: niyenye nc: Karu

promontory: ngalburnurdarri nc: da

promontory, projection of land: thinang nc: da

prongs: in a fish spear: parnta nc: nanthi

provoke: NGURRU
damningurru 'he provoked me'
damningurradhath wurran 'he continually provokes me'

pubic covering, female: thening nc: nanthi

pubic covering, male: menthrirradhath nc: nanthi

pubic covering, male: thirriwup nc: ku

puffed out, to be out of breath: HARDARU

buyhardardunu nukum 'I might get puffed out'
hammardardu ngem 'I am puffed out'

pull: RURR
ngurururrunu ngurru 'I'll continually pull'
ngungantarurru 'I pulled it'

pull (reflex.): RURR
ngunginunru 'I'll pull myself'

puncture, (intrans.): RIRTA
pirirrtanu 'it will puncture'
dirntirta 'it punctured'
puncture, by foot: RIRTA
ngunirrrirrtanu 'I will puncture it'
ngunungarntirta 'I punctured it'
puncture, by hand: RIRTA
marirrtanu 'I will puncture it'
marntirta 'I punctured it'

punish by fire: WINHIPUTH
nganhiputhnu 'I'll punish you(sg) with fire'
ngamiputhnu 'I punished him'

purple shell: mirntal nc: ku

pus: paril nc: nanthi

push over, by means of an implement: RIRDA
nguirirdanu 'I will push it over with an implement'
pantirda 'I pushed it over with an implement'
push over, by one's body, or by means of an implement: RIRDA
barirrdanu 'I will push him over with my body'
bangirntirda 'I pushed him over with an implement'
push, by means of an implement: RIRDA
ngarirrdanu 'I will push it with an implement'
garntirda 'I pushed it with an implement'
push, with foot: RIRDA
ngunirrrirrdanu 'I will push it with my foot'
ngunungarntirda 'I pushed it with my foot'
push, with hands: RIRDA
marrrirdanu 'I will push it with my hands'
marntirda 'I continually push it with my hands'

put back (trans.): NGKARL
ngurdungkarlnu 'I'll put it back'
ngurdankalath 'I put them back'

put down (vertically): PAK

quail: purr nc: ku
queenfish (skinny fish): pirdi nc: ku

quickly: werrnga
mi ngulanath werrnga 'I ate the food quickly' adv.

quickly: kunkuwarra (kunkurrare short form) adv.
quiet: watman n.

quiet: DHAP
madhappu ‘I’ll close my mouth’ mantap ‘I closed my mouth’
nirachap ‘you(pl) shut up’

quiet person: murrikin nc: Kardu

rain: yelyel nc: Kura

rain: YEL
pirrayelnu ‘it will rain’ Kanamyel ‘it is raining’
Kanamyel ‘it’s continually raining’

rain: Kura (negative = makura)
kura nggilininh ‘fresh water river/creek’ kura yelyel ‘rain’
noun class

rain from the ocean: therri nc: Kura

rain made from lucky stones: nguraling nc: Kura

rain, cold – in dry season: manphiyi nc: Kura

rain, consistent steady: nhirdenhirdek nc: Kura

rainbow bee-eater: tharrmirinka nc: ku

raspy voice: thagarti nc: murrinh

ready to go or take off: NGKA
tharnu nhini mengkada pirri da ngamenga-nu wangu ‘that
boat was standing ready to go to a foreign place’

recede, (fresh or salt-water) until completely gone: NGKABANG
Kura pungungkabangnu ‘the water will recede’ Kura
yungankabang ‘the water receded’

recede, salt-water (tide): YERR
lalingkin punguyerrnu ‘the sea will recede (the tide will go
out)’ lalingkin yunganyerr wurrarn ‘the sea is receding (the
tide is going out)’

recede, water: WERTAL
Kura wilan warrna ngadha kunuvertalnu ‘first (wait) for the
rushing water (non-tidal) to recede’ nungampertal ‘it
receded’

recline, leaning on one’s elbow: WINIMUNE
demphimune ‘he reclined’ denawhinmune da ‘he was
reclining’

recognise: THENH
ngirrathenhu ‘I’ll recognise it’ dirrangangidhawiyenthenth
wurrarn ‘he continually recognises my voice(mouth)’

rectify: MAMAWATHA
manawathana ‘I will rectify it’ ngay-dha ngatha-ka
menawathadhawa ‘if it had of been me I would have rectified
it’

red bait crab: maramparru nc: ku

red-collared lorikeet: mantthagat nc: ku

red-crowned pidgeon: kurrubirkurrubirt nc: ku

red-fingered marsh crab: mu nc: ku

red-winged parrot: pilitthman nc: ku

reed (spec.): kututu nc: nanthi

refuse, to say no: NGERMIT
ngamhkanthi ‘I’ll refuse you’ ngamkanth ‘I refused him’

rejoice: MARDALE
damngimardale murrinh thangunu ‘I rejoiced from the news’

rejoice (intrans.): MARDHA
ngumardanu ‘I will rejoice’ ngumamardu ‘I rejoiced’

rejoice (trans.): MARDHA
ngumamardanu ‘I will rejoice for him’ ngumamamardu ‘I
rejoiced for him’

relative: darrikardu
kardu darrikardu ngay ‘my countryman’ nc: kardu

remember: VERBCLASS 22 + THE
the nganthi ‘I know’ the Kanthidha dini ‘he knew’ the
nganthinpun ‘I know them(pl)’

remember: BATH + THE
the mabathnu ‘I will know’ the mambath ‘I know’ mere the
mabath ‘I don’t know’ the manhimabathnu ‘I’ll know your(sg)
actions/ways’

remind, recall (reflex.): YERR
ngurdierrennu ‘I’ll recall it’ ngurdantherr ‘I recalled it’

report: THARRMU
ngamamatharrnu ‘I reported to him’
parndacharrmu darrhurmuwene parde ‘they(pc m) were
reporting to him’

report: RDARRIRDA
thangidarrirdanu ‘you(sg) will report to me’ dannarrarda
wurrarn ‘he continually reports to him’ dannardarrirda ‘he
confessed to him’

reprove: MARDAAL
ngurrumardawalnu ‘I will move/go straight through the
middle’ ngunungangamamardawal ‘I told him off’
ngunungamamardal ngurrarn ‘I continually reprove him’

reptile (generic): parlakmennu nc: ku

request: MARDA
ngunhamardanu mani? ‘can I request you?’ pannarda ‘I
requested him’

requests: KUNTHI
ngangkunthi ‘I’ll request of her’ kanamangakunthikunthi
‘he continually requests of me’
rest: YUK

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return (intrans.): WURL
ngurdinurlu Kathu ‘I’ll return (here)’ wurdawurl ‘he
returned’ puddalath ‘they(pl) returned’

return an object (trans.): WURL
nanthi ngurdunawurlnu ‘I’ll return it to
them’

return/replace (trans.): N6KARL
ngurdungkarlnu ‘I’ll put it back’ ngurdankalath ‘I put
them back’

rib(s): ngalarnarn nc: nanthi

ribbon tail ray: wilimpac nc: Ku

Richard’s Pitpit (bird): parrnu nc: ku

ridge: pinpith nc: da

rifle fish: yerta nc: ku

right (i.e. opposite left): batbat
mange batbat ‘right hand’ batbatngima ‘I’m right handed’
adj.

rip, in sea or river: pi nc: nanthi

ripe: thungku
mi thungku ‘ripe fruit’ ku thungku ‘cooked meat’ adj.

ripple the water by walking in it: BUBURL
Kura ngurdobuburlu ngurr “I’ll make the water ripple”
ngurdamuburlu ngurr “I’m rippling the water”

ripples: buburl nc: nanthi

river, creek: ngupilinh nc: kura or da

rock wallaby: ngenhpu nc: ku

rock, extremely hard: pilirring nc: nanthi

rock, red & hard: lauwa nc: nanthi (palyirr)

roll (waves): WETUTH
ngurrtim ngala ngala da matha beweruruththa tharra ‘the big
waves were just rolling along’ nanthi ngurtim bangampetuth
‘the wave rolled’

roll up: WEKARL
ngwekarlnu ‘I’ll roll it up’ panpekara! ‘I rolled it up’

roll up, to curl up (reflex): WEKARL
nguwunwekarlnu ‘I will curl myself up’ panpekara! ‘he
curled himself up’

root, edible, from nanthi: Kenhin: Kenhin nc: mi

root, edible, of Nymphoides: Karl nc: mi

royal/yellow billed spoonbill: melkmelkthay nc: ku

rub in: WARLAK
mawarlaknu ’I’ll rub it in’ mampariak ‘I rubbed it in’
rub in to myself: WARLAK
me(nu)warlaknu ‘I’ll rub it into myself’

run: WINIHADHART
ngunuwinhadhartnu ‘I will run’ ngunungampinhadhart ‘I ran’
run: tharra non-conjugated verb

run away: WINHART
ngunungampinhadhart ‘I ran away’ nuywinharttha-manaw-nintha
‘he tried to run away from him’

run off with an object: WINHART
nanthi truck kanthinpinhart ‘he ran off with the truck’

Russell’s snapper: durrungman nc: ku

sacred Kingfisher: mininhmala nc: ku

saddle-tail sea perch: yulurn nc: ku

saliva: thade nc: nanthi

salt-water: lalingkin nc: nanthi

sand bank: diththumpurl nc: da

sand crab: thingurrungurru nc: ku

sand goanna: malye nc: ku

sand hill: pemanhay nc: da

sand mullet: ngamahnc: ku

sand rat: nirley nc: ku

sand ridge: thalawanga nc: da

sand worm: walamanipithpith nc: ku

sandfly: meri nc: ku

sandpiper: kankaletet nc: ku

sandstone: lirrikhirrik nc: nanthi (palyirr)

sandstone, pink: kuywi nc: nanthi

sap, red: maminah nc: nanthi

sated: kurnthik numi leyida ngurrnan idiom
sated, to be full: BAY
manpunmay 'they(pl) were sated'
satisfied: MARDAN
bangimardanu 'I'll be satisfied' bangampumardan dim 'they are satisfied'
save life: YIBIRNU
manthibirnu 'I saved his life' mammhiyibirnu 'I saved your(sg) life'
save up, to hoard: MARDARR
bemardarrnu 'I will save' bennardarr nganam 'I save things'
saver: mandarrmardarr nc: Kardu
say: VERBCLASS 34
ngamanu 'I'll say/do' nganann 'I said/did' ngarra manna? 'what did he say/do to him?' ngarra namga? 'what did you(sg) say to me?'
say one's name: NGKWAHDA
mankawadha 'I said his name' murrinth ngunyu-ka nangkawadha
man? 'can you(sg) say her name?'
sca: kumulung larrin nc: nanthi
scaly-breasted lorikeet: nginidirr nc: ku
scar on chest/belly: ngerri pangkithay/ngaliwe nc: nanthi
scar, ornamental: ngerri nc: nanthi
school shark: ngulyi nc: ku
scoop water: WURL
ngingaurl 'I scooped' kura patha ngingarurl nganam 'I continually scoop the water'
scorpion: dalmarnti nc: ku
scout: theyengarri nc: kardu
scratch an object, by hand: KURRK
makurrku 'I will scratch it' mampurrk 'I scratched it'
scratch at: KURRK
kardinkume kurrkurrk thaninha 'he was scratching around/under the feet of those 2 males'
scratch oneself, by hand: KURRK
mekurrku 'I will scratch myself' memkurrk 'I scratched myself'
scratch with paw (dog): GUTHKUTH
ku were dakhuthkuth yibim 'the dog is scratching himself with his paw'
scratching noise: kurkurk nc: nanthi
scrounge for scraps of food: NBKA
mi ngangkanu 'I will scrounge for food' wak wakka wurran 'the crow(s) continually scrounges for food'
scrub country: pumulduk nc: da
scrub fowl: thatthat nc: ku
sea snake (spec.): milinthat nc: ku
search for: THUK
ngunungamathuk ngurrar 'I looking for him' ngununganthuk 'I looked for'
season - 'wet season': thangku
dad thawku numi 'one year' (lit. one wet season) nc: da
season - build up to the 'wet season': kurlgurl nc: da
season - dry/cold: mirangan nc: da
season - end of the wet season, rain and wind come from the east, south-east: mamangalin nc: da
season - just before dry season, little rain, spear grass falls: perrewere then nc: da
season - latter part of dry season, with winds coming from ocean: therri nc: da
season - new leaves appear: malarmpakpak nc: da
season - showers of rain in the cold season, also eucalyptus flower time: manhplyi nc: da
season - a dry 'wet season': mirra nc: kura
seasons: da (negative = managka da)
ngarra da 'at home' da Nangu ‘Nangu (place name) da thipini
'night time' da mirrangan 'cold season' manangka da 'no camp, no time, etc.'
noun class
seat: wupup nc: nanthi
seat of emotions: marda
marda manganart ngem 'I desire it' (lit. 'my belly has got it') nc: nanthi
seaweed: mimpi nc: nanthi
seaweed: Kurrakurrk nc: nanthi
securinega melanthesoides (tree): Kurak nc: nanthi
see, to look: NGKARU
bangardu mani 'I'll have a look' pipi nginarr nhinhi
dambardu thurrarn? 'do you look at your wife's mother?'
seed: kamarl nc: mi
seek: WINTHARRARR
   Ku-nu bawintharrarrrnu ‘I will pursue animals (hunt)’
   bangampintharrarr ‘I pursued’

select (more than one item): N6KARART
   mangkarartnu ‘I will choose them’ namkarart ‘I chose them’

select (one item): MANGKART
   memangkarartnu ‘I will choose it’ memmangkarart wurrarn ‘he
   continually chooses one item’

semen: nipitalh nc: nanthi

send an object (trans.): THUK
   ngurdahthuknu ‘I will send it’ ngurdanthuk ‘I sent it’

send off because of bad behaviour: NGKAREL
   ngrundankar ‘I expelled him’ ngrundankertelu ngurrnu ‘I’ll
   expel them (pl)’

send oneself (intrans.): THUK
   ngrundthuknu ‘I will send myself’ ngurdanthuk ‘I sent myself’

sense one’s presence: RERETH
   manmgirereth nukunu thangu ‘I could sense him/sense his
   presence’ manmgirdarerrereth ‘I sensed it behind my back’


sew (with a sewing machine): BIRR
   ngrunbirrnu ‘I will spear them’ kuirnru ngrunngarrri run
   ‘we (pl excl) are spearing bait’

sexual intercourse: WARNKAY
   penginthawarnkkaynu ‘those 2 will have sexual intercourse’
   demginthawarnkay ‘those 2 had sexual intercourse’

shady, very: themalurn adj.

shaking: WERRERR
   pirrriwererrrda ‘he was shaking’ kanawerrerrr ‘he
   continually shakes/shivers’

shakes, shivers: werrerrrr nc: nanthi

sharp edge: kerrkerrk adj.

sharp point: wuring adj.

sharp, extremely with thin edge: ngirrirri adj.

sharp-eyed: yurrnyurrrru adj.

sharpen a tool: KURRK
   nglakurrnknu ‘I will sharpen it’ ngilamkurrk ‘I sharpened
   it’

she: nigu nut pronoun
sickness, illness: matharr nc: nanthi
side of anything: ngurru nc: da
side of body: ngurru nc: nanthi
side of face: thamurru nc: nanthi
side track: nthi nu nc: nanthi, da or kura
sign-language: mange nc: murrinh
silly, to be foolish: NGAAMARRANG
nganingkawarrangnu ‘I’ll be silly’ nganamkawarrang ‘I am
silly’
silver gull: ka lin kayar r r r nc: ku
silver mullet: walaman nc: ku
silver-crowned friar bird: thadak nc: ku
sin: NGKAADHAP
bangkadhapnu ‘I’ll sin’ bangkadap ‘I sinned’
sinews: ngayerrk nc: nanthi
sing: REL
ngimparen lu ‘I’ll sing for you(sg)’ dirntel ‘he sang’
sing: ART
martnu ‘I’ll get it’ manganart ‘I got it’ nanthi thamarl
puman tu ‘we(incl) will sing a song’
sing high: THARRMITH
ngurdu tharrwu nthi ‘I will sing/aim high’ ngur dantharrwith ‘I
sang/aimed high’
singe: WATH
nginawathnu ‘I’ll singe it’ nginangawath ‘I singed it’
singe, bird (etc.): BIRL
Ku ngalunmgkurr mabibir lu ‘I will singe the pied geese
mammirl ‘I singed it’
single man: makarduma nc: Kardu
sister, term used to refer to one’s deceased sister: thaykurtu
nc: Kardu
sit: VERBCLASS 1
nginu ‘I will sit’ nge m ‘I’m sitting’
sit down: WUP
nganawup ‘I sat down’ kanhi da nganapup ‘I habitually
sit/live here’
sit down: mup shortened verb form

sit down (reflex.): WUP
ngurdi nulupnu ‘I’ll make myself sit down’ ngur dan nulup ‘I
made myself sit down’
sit down (trans.): WUP
ngurdu wupnu ‘I’ll sit him down’ ngur dan punpu nthi ‘I sat
them(pl) down’
sit down (trans.): WUP
panpu nthi ‘I made him sit down’
sizzle (intrins.): RE
kun gen dernte pirrinh ‘the meat is sizzling’
sizzle (trans.): RE
nginarenu ‘I will sizzle it’ nging arntu ngem ‘I’m sizzling
it’
skilful: WETH
ngawethnu ‘I’ll be skilful’ ngampe nthi ngurran ‘I’m skilful’
skin name: nginipunh nc: murrinh
skin of a human: dari pi nc: nanthi
skin of an animal: dari pi nc: ku
skin of fruit: dari pi nc: ku
skink: thirrinhin nc: ku
skink: thalunwha nh nc: ku
skinny, bony: wirrit adj.
skinny, lean: murrinh adj.
skirt: MAQA
ngu kar duma ‘I will move along the edge’ pannar du ‘I moved
along the edge’
skirt: ROERTPART
ngurdu rt partnu nthi ‘I’ll skirt along the edge’ pannert part ‘I
skirted along the edge’
sky, blue: marnirra nc: nanthi
slander another: ROARRITHAK + MURRINH
murrinh mardarr ith aknu ‘I’ll slander him’ murrinh
marrithak ‘I slandered him’
sleep: ngurr nguwarl
ngur ngu warl yun gurr Kurrkutha ‘he was lying asleep’ n.
sleep from eye: kapinga nc: nanthi
sleep from eye: kapar l nc: nanthi
sleeping gear (swag): wirrit nc: nanthi
sleeping place: wirrit nc: da
sleep: WALAMALAKA
slander another: RDARRITHAK + MURRINH
murrinh mardarrithaknu 'I'll slander him' murrinh
marnarrithak 'I slandered him'
sleep: ngurrnguwarl
ngurrnguwarl yungurrkurrktha 'he was lying asleep' n.
sleep from eye: Kaparingka nc: nanthi
sleep from eye: Kaparl nc: nanthi
sleeping gear (swag): wirrit nc: nanthi
sleeping place: wirrit nc: da
sleepy: WALAMALAKA
ngimalawalanu 'I will be sleepy' ngempalalakanu 'I am sleepy'
slip (i.e. one's hand): RIDHARL
manntidharl 'my hand slipped'
slip walking: RIDHARL
ngunuridharlnu 'I'll slip walking' or 'I'll go without stopping'
slippery: tidharltidharlmam adj.
slow: thawath adj. or adv.
small: walak adj.
small and numerous: purpurk adj.
small of back: Kanja nc: nanthi

small, little: Kunungingkinya kunungangka adj.
smash in pieces (by throwing a stone at it): WUWURRK
bangunwurknku 'I'll smash it to pieces' bangampuwurkpurwurk
wuran 'he continually smashes it to pieces'
smash to pieces (by throwing the object): WUWURRK
bangpurwurk 'I smashed it to pieces'
smell: YINGAP
nanthi meyingapnu 'I will smell it' nanthi mertingapkap
nguran 'I continually smell it'
smooth: tidharltidharlmam adj.
smooth, easy: pekpek
mange pekpek 'an easy way' pemarr pekpek
'well-groomed/combed hair' pemarr pekpek wanda kanamngintha
'those 2 are living smoothly now (no problems, etc.)' adj.

snag hook on submerged log, etc.: RDE
bangarne 'I hit it (once)' berderedha ngardi 'I was hitting it'
snail: yarra nc: ku
snake (generic): pangkuy nc: ku
snake (generic): marnu nc: ku
snake (spec.): purung nc: ku
snake (spec.): ngaliyimuurr nc: ku
snake (spec.): small, brown: bururr nc: ku
soldier crab: luk nc: ku
sole of foot: me mardanu nc: nanthi
song: thanamar nc: nanthi
sooty grunter (fish): malangan nc: ku
sore(s): lirra nc: nanthi

speak with a croaky voice: NGUTH
ngurdanguthnu 'I'll speak with a croaky voice' ngurdanguth
'I spoke with a croaky voice'
spear (many objects): BIRR
ngunubirrnu 'I will spear them' ku birnu ngununngamarr
ngumpan 'we (pl excl) are spearing bait'
spear grass (spec.): wutu nc: ku
spear grass (spec.): tiliman nc: ku
spear(s): thanu (negative = mathunu) noun class
thanu ngaramath 'one-sided barbed spear' thanu nguni
'short light bamboo spear'
spear-thrower for large spears: thunpith nc: nanthi
spear-thrower for light spears: thut nc: nanthi
speech: ngerrrnc: murrinh
speech: murrinh (negative = manangKa murrinh) noun class
murrinh manay 'children's talk' murrinh thelerrohe 'news'
murrinh school 'school'
speech impediment, one who has: manthayway nc: Karu
speech that is patterned or rhythmic: kungeunu nc: murrinh
speech, concurrence: yu-yu nc: murrinh
speed up an object: RITHARRAME
mirnka nguritharrame 'I'll speed up the clapsticks'
pantitharrame 'I caused it to speed up'
spellbound: RODARRIMEPU

spider (generic): magurrurrurruru nc: ku

spider rush: thallkauna nc: nanthi

spider rush (spec.): walangka nc: nanthi

spider rush (spec.): kurrurlu nc: nanthi

spill (intrns): WINHIPAK
dempinhipa k’i ti spilled’

spill (trans.) WINHIPAK
thawinhipa mukun ‘you (sg) might spill it’ ngampinhipa ‘I spilled it’

spiny-tailed goanna: pella nc: ku

spirit: ngepan nc: ku

spirit of deceased: karra th nc: ku

splash sound in mud: kupeku nc: nanthi

splash sound in water: thurrupu nc: nanthi

splash water: KURLKURL
kura nganikurlkurlnu ‘I’ll splash the water’ dimkurlkurl ‘he’s splashing the water’

splash water (as of fish jumping): KURL
ku ngurmirrurl kurl ‘the fish splashed the water’

split open (intrns.): WARNITA
kiwarrnta mukun ‘it might split open’ wurranparntarta ‘it continually splits open’

split open (trans.)(by hitting down hard): WARNITA
buwarrntunu ‘I’ll split it open’ banparntarta wurran ‘he continually splits it open’

split open (trans.) (with a gun): WARNITA
ngawarrntunu ‘I’ll split it open’ ngamparnta ‘I split it open’

split open (trans.) (with a stick): WARNITA
ngawarrntunu ‘I’ll split it open’ panparnta ‘I split it open’

split open (trans.) (with a stone or axe): WARNITA
bawarrntunu ‘I’ll split it open’ bangparnta ‘I split it open’

sponger: kunthikunthiyi nc: kardu

sponger, parasite: thanthap ngala nc: kardu

sponger, sticky (as of clay): pirdewirdekmu adj.

spotted tree monitor: karntikek nc: ku

spotted/swamp harrier: karthinthu nc: ku

sprinkle fine matter: NGOYARDAP
ngungkapdanpu ‘I’ll sprinkle it’ pankapdapr ‘I sprinkled it’

stack one on top of another: LAL
delal wurrun ‘they (pl) are all stacked one on top of another demyinthalin ‘two are stacked one on another (e.g. a 2 story house)

stack one on top of another (intrns): RODARRARADA
bernarrarda dim ‘they are stacked one on another’

stack one on top of another (trans.): RODARRARADA
bardarrardunu ‘I’ll stack them’ bangarnarrarda ‘I stacked them’

stand: VERBCLASS 3
ngirranu ‘I will stand’ ngarrim ‘I’m standing’

stand around in expectation: DHALURT
pudhailurtu pirra ‘they (pl) will stand in expectation’

stand around in expectation: RODARRARADA
panthailurtu pirra ‘they (pl) are standing around in expectation’

stand up!: wurru non-conjugated verb

stand/lean something up against another object: ROAL

nanthi nourndarntu ‘I will stand the things up’ pannal ‘I stood it up’

start: RET

nguretnu ‘I’ll start’ pantu ‘I started’

steal: NGOYARDARRARART

nanthi pana mangkardarrarartnu ‘I’ll steal that thing’
mankardarrart ‘I stole it’

steal, to cheat: NGOYARDAP

nanthi mungkardarap ‘he stole the thing from me’

mankapdanpu ngurru ‘I’ll continually cheat them (pl)’

steer: RDLJ

marulluyu ‘I’ll change direction’ nanthi thanntu marulluy
wurrnan ‘he continually turns/steers the boat’

step-ladder dosima shell: kurnerru nc: ku

stick (intrns.): LET

meminthale ‘benninthale ‘they (two objects) are stuck together’

stick (trans.): LET

maletnu ‘I’ll stick it’ maletnun ‘I’ll stick them’

sticky: letetemur adj.

sticky: burrekurrekmar adj.

stingray (spec.): murnne nc: ku
stomach: kurnthik nc: nanthi

stomach ache: MARDARARTAL
pangimardarartalnu ‘I will have a stomach ache’
dannimardarartalnu ‘I had a stomach ache’

stone fish: thurnurn nc: ku
stone, rock: palyirr nc: nanthi

stony country, flat: palyirr thepalwal nc: nanthi

stop: pirda non-conjugated verb
stop another talking: DHAP
budhapanu ‘I’ll stop him talking’ banthap ‘I stopped him talking’

stop another talking, by giving him something: DHAP
budhapanu ‘I’ll stop him from talking’ banganthap ‘I stopped him from talking’

stop another talking, by words: DHAP
ngurudhapanu ‘I’ll stop you (sg) from talking’ panthapep ‘I stopped him from talking’

stories, legends: murrinh (negative = manangka murrinh) noun class
murrinh mamay ‘children’s talk’ murrinh thelerrche ‘news’ murrinh school ‘school’

story-teller, good: murrurwurladhay nc: kardu
straightened pandalote: pirdukpirduck nc: ku

straw-necked ibis: karriri nc: ku
stretch an object: RATHTATH
ngungurathathnu ‘I will stretch it’ ngungarntathath ‘I stretched it’

stretch oneself: RATHTATH
ngurugirathathnu ‘I will stretch myself’ ngungarntathath ‘I stretched myself’

stretchy, resilient: bugarlabugarlman adj.

strike (as of matches): RILIL
ngarilinru ‘I’ll write’ ngarntilil ngem ‘I’m writing’

strike at (snake): WAL
punawalnu ‘it will strike him’ yibimnalal ‘it always strikes at him’

string: pi nc: nanthi

string braces worn around neck as ornamentation: pi manunthinnc: nanthi

stringy bark: piru nc: nanthi

strip bare: RLART
banhimarartnu ‘he will bite your (sg) hand’ or ‘he will take all from you (sg)’
ku ngurilinru bagamlarart wurran ‘he always takes all the fish’

stripe (fish): kurumuru nc: ku

stroke lightly with hand: RTERT
mamnigdirarrert ‘he stroked my leg’ mamnigertert ‘he stroked my foot’

stubborn: WUT
kaniurtunkun ‘he might be stubborn’ kanamput ‘he is stubborn’

stubborn: putputthi
kardu putputthi ‘stubborn person’ kardu putputmunyindinha ‘two stubborn males’ kardu putputwunthi ‘many stubborn people’ adj.

stuck, to be thwarted: NTHI
menthi kunu ‘I’ll be stuck’ menthi kanam ‘he doesn’t know what he’s doing’

stultify oneself: NTHI
menthi kunu ‘I’ll be stuck’ menthi kanam ‘he doesn’t know what he’s doing’


submerge: YIWI
phanthiwick ‘he drowned’ danniyiikitha Kardi ‘I continually kept submerging’

submerge: BATH
pangibathnu ‘I will submerge’ kabath nukun ‘he might drown’ ngay-kasakeregibaththi ‘I didn’t drown’

succeed, to come after: RETHBATH
nganhirerebathnu ‘I’ll be next after you (sg)’ parrarnketbath ‘they (pl) are descendants’

sugar glider: ngapapa nc: ku

sulphur-crested cockatoo: werrk nc: ku

sun: ngunga nc: nanthi

sun: tina nc: nanthi

sunset: kerrenital nc: da

surf crab: manangkay nc: ku

surge (fresh or salt-water): MABI
memabinu ‘it will surge’ memabhi ‘it surged’

surprised: NGKABAT
bengkatbatnu ‘I’ll be surprised’ bemkatbat ngurran ‘I’m continually surprised’
swallow: THURDUTH
dinthurduth 'he swallowed it' lalingkin
Kardithurduthurduththa 'he was continually swallowing
salt-water'

sway: MARDALILI
nanthi thay bannardalili pirrim 'the tree is swaying (in the
wind) bannardalilinu 'I will sway'

swear: THELK
nganththethknun 'I will swear at you(you)' nganthelk 'I
swore'

swearing, bad language: wiyey nc: murrinh

sweat, perspiration: nginthehrin nc: nanthi

sweetheart: Kamarl nc: Kardu

swim: KUM
ngurrumnumu 'I will swim' ngurrankumum 'I'm continually
swimming'

swim just below the surface: WURL
purruwurrunu 'he'll swim just below the surface' wurrannurl
'the surface' wurrannurl 'he's swimming just below the surface'

swim taking an object: KUM
nanthi ngakumnu 'I'll swim taking that thing' nanthi pana
Kanththumukumtha wurrinisi 'he was swimming taking that thing'

swimming: kumkum nc: nanthi

swimming crab: dhe nc: ku

tail: miyernu nc: nanthi
taipan: Kuydhaarr nc: Ku

take: VERBCLASS 22
nanthi kanthin dim 'he has the thing' nanthi kanthikh
wurrinisi 'he was taking the thing'

take all: MEXAT
ngemekatnu 'I'll take everything' ku ngurlmiri pannerrarr
wurran 'he always takes all the fish (i.e. always catches
all the fish'

take all: RLART
banhmarlarnunu 'he will bite your(sg) hand' or 'he will take
all from you(sg)' ku ngurlmiri bangamlarnart wurran 'he always
takes all the fish'

take from: MART
namart 'you(sg) get it from him' manganngimart 'he took it
from me'

take it easy: DHARRYIT
ngadharrryitnu 'I'll be cautious' ngantharyit 'I was
cautious'

take off, to remove (intrans.): PIRT
nanthi iron diphirdipirrtha 'the iron came off (the roof
one after the other)' nanthi dimpirr 'the thing came off

take off, to remove (trans.): PIRT
me wheel ngungupirrnu 'I'll take the wheel off' ngungampirr
'I took it off'

take, to bring: BATH
nanthi manabathnu ngurrnu 'I'll take the thing to him'
mamath 'I took it'

talk (trans.): RINGENG
nanthi guitar marrtingerrner wurran 'he continually plays
(talks) the guitar'

talk, to speak: NGENG
kattkatt 'he spoke (once)' dimgerrren 'he's talking'

talk, words: thatph
murrinh thatph ngarra ngay thanhunu 'words from me/my
words' nc: murrinh

tell: pangkuy adj.

tame: thanthanka adj.

tame, to break in, by saddle etc.: NSKATHAN
ku nintu bungkathannu 'I will break the horse in' ku nintu
bankathnu 'I broke the horse in'

tame, to break in, by whip, stick etc.: NSKATHAN
ku nintu ngunkathannu 'I will break the horse in' ku nintu
pankathnu 'I broke the horse in'

tame, to domesticate, by hand: NSKATHAN
ku were mangkathannu 'I will tame the dog' ku were makhath
'I tamad the dog'

tawny frogmouth: Karrkurrk nc: Ku

TEETH/TOOTH: dimu nc: nanthi

tell another off: MARXINAL
ngurumardawalnu 'I will move/go straight through the
middle' ngunungamardawal 'I told him off'
ngunungamardalal ngurrnu 'I continually reprove him'

tendon: malKimarrin nc: nanthi

tendrill: burrurr nc: nanthi

termite hill: burrurr nc: nanthi
terrified: YENGKAWERR
pungiyengkawerrnu ‘I will be terrified’ puniyengkawerrrha kardi ‘he was continually terrified’

terrified: NGKAWERR
pungingkawerrnu ‘I will be terrified’ puningkawerr dim ‘I am terrified’

testicles/scrotum: walmpu nc: nanthi
testicles/scrotum: karnkarg nc: nanthi
that: pangu demonstrative
that: pana demonstrative
that’s the way you(sg) do it: thana-wa mange-yu idiom

The One who abides above (usually meaning Jesus): Kangkarlmanu
nc: ku (noun class not often used)

there (long distance): pangu demonstrative
there (mid-distance): pana demonstrative

there, back there: ngangka ngangka wangu ‘back that way’ pana ngangka-re ‘everywhere’ kale ngangka ‘mother is back there (i.e. your mother wants you)’ demonstrative

they dual female: peningintha pronoun

thick: mirmirmirriam adj.
thief, robber: darrarat ‘darraratka darraratwunka ‘robbers(pl)’ nc: kardu
thigh(s): lawali nc: nanthi
thin, skinny: kunungka + IBP Kunungkabe ‘thin arms’ kunungkabu ‘thin legs’ adj.
thin, slim: wardi adj.

think: YENGKARNI N ‘ngkarnirn beyengkarnirnnu ‘I’ll think’ benthengkarnirn dim (or) bemkarnirn dim ‘he’s thinking’

this: Kanhi da kanhi ‘this place’ or ‘here’ n.
thorny bush (spec.): were nc: nanthi
thorny bush (spec.): mayeyp nc: nanthi
threadfin coralfish: kurnthik ngala nc: ku
threadfin salmon: wurrarr nc: ku
three: perrkenkuneme n.
thresher shark: penenthinang nc: ku
throw a fishing net: RUTH
  maruthnu 'I'll throw in the net' mangantuth 'I threw in the net' ngardiruthuththa 'I was continually throwing in the net'

throw at (large spear or stone): BAT
  thamul nungamat 'he threw the spear' thamul pirrimgabatbat 'he always threw the spear at me'

throw away: KU
  nanthi pana thunuku 'you(sg) throw that thing away' nanthi nungamku 'he threw it away'

thumb, big hand: mange ngala nc: nanthi

thump: taptap n.

thump one's back: ROARRIRAPPTAP
  ngunhirdarriraptapn 'I'll thump your back' pannarriraptap 'I thumped his back'

thunder and lightning: thu (negative = mathu)
  the kuragadha 'boomerang' thu maliarnath 'thunder and lightning' mathu 'no weapons, etc.' noun class

thunder and lightning: maliarnath nc: thu

thunder claps: purrtar nc: thu

thunder rolls: DHAMIRR
  marra kanhi badhamirrn 'this wet season coming' banganhanm 'the thunder rolled'

thunder rumbling: MIRNIRR
  dimimirrir 'the thunder is rumbling' dinimirrirrhda 'the thunder was rumbling'

thump on another's loin cloth: WARNTARRK
  manparntharrk 'I will tie on their loin cloths' manparntharrk 'I tied a knot'

tie a knot: DHARRK
  madharrknu 'it will tie itself in a knot' mentharrk 'it tied itself in a knot'

tie a knot(s): DHARRK
  madharrkirrknu 'I will tie knots' mantharrk 'I tied a knot'

tie on another's loin cloth: WARNTARRK
  manparntharrk 'I will tie on their loin cloths' manparntharrk 'I tied on his loin cloth'

tie on one's own loin cloth: WARNTARRK
  manwarntharrknu 'I will tie on my loin cloth' manparntharrk 'I tied on my own loin cloth'

tooth ache: ROIBU
  bangamangirdi 'I have a tooth ache' bangarni 'he has a tooth ache'

Torres Strait pigeon: thamari baman nc: ku
Torres Strait pigeon: bamanthamari nc: ku
Torresian crow: wak nc: ku

toilet, to go to: thirrimeme
  thirrimeme-nu ngurran 'I'm going to the toilet' nc: nanthi

tomahawk: lithpurr thilmit nc: nanthi
tomorrow: thipingkhe nc: da
tongue: themen nc: nanthi

track: me nc: nanthi

track: RO4
  ngarra ngurran 'I'm tracking him' nganinnadha tharra 'I was tracking them(pl)'

tree (generic): thay nc: nanthi
tree (spec.): ngarikuri nc: nanthi

tree (spec.): kuyimarr nc: nanthi

tree (spec.): KEnnc: nanthi

tree (spec.): thananthe nc: nanthi

tree (spec.): maran nc: nanthi

tree (spec.): li thanpanhen nc: nanthi

tree (spec.): Karrinthen nc: nanthi

tree root: ngimalmin nc: nanthi

treavally (small): kurnkurn nc: ku

treavally, small: pamu nc: ku

tributary of river: nithinu nc: nanthi, da or kura

trip another: MENKAT
panmgngkat 'I tripped him' panhimengkat 'I tripped you (sg)'

trip, to stumble : MEKAT
bunganggimekat 'I tripped/stumbled' bengimerrarrda tharra
'I was continually tripping'

tritone or abalone shell: therri nc: ku

trot, horse : KITKITHE
kurnantu wurrinikkitmedha 'the horse was trotting along'

trouble-maker, provoker: ngurradath nc: kardu
	trowsers, shorts : la walima nc: nanthi

ttrue, correct: thatthppirr
murrinh thathppirr 'true words' adj.

trust: MARRIK
panngimarrrik wurran 'he continually trusts me'

trust oneself (reflex): MARRIK
nguyimunmarrrikhu mangle ngay 'I'll trust myself'

turn a deaf ear: nguyungenthe or the nguyeng
kardu nguyengpunte 'they pl turned a deaf ear'
non-conjugated verb

turn an object from vertical to horizontal position: WINTIGAT
ngawintigatnu 'I'll descend steeply' ngampintigat 'I descended steeply'

turn around oneself (trans.): ROUY
nanthi ngurdurdyu 'I'll turn the thing around' nukunu-ka
wurdummardyu warda nguru-ku kardu ngninpunu numu warda
wurrinichda 'he changed her life and she was like another
person' nanthi ngurdurdyu 'I'll turn the back end
around' thurdumardardyu 'you (sg) turn the middle (main part)
over'

turn around on oneself (trans.): ROUY
ngurdirdyu 'I'll turn around' ngurdardyu 'I turned around'
wurdummarradaru 'he turned to face them (pl)'

turn on its side (trans.): WINHINGURU
dempinginguru 'it turned on its side'

turn on its side (trans.): WINHINGURU
ngawiningurru 'I'll turn it on its side'

turn one's head around to look: BIRL
membirnu 'I will turn my head around' memmabirru wurran 'he
continually turns his head around' memnabirr 'I turned my
head around to look at him'

turn over a page: NGKABING
nanthi makkangging dim 'he's turning over the pages'

turn yellow: WIL
purdundunu 'it will turn yellow' wurdannil 'it turned yellow'

turn, to change direction: ROUY
mabirnu 'I'll change direction' nanthi tharrtu marlurluy
wurran 'he continually turns/stees the boat'
two: peerenku n.

two-lined dragon: ngarikuri nc: ku

uncircumcised boy: lametingi nc: kardu

under: pepe n.

understand: VERBCLASS 22 + THE
the nganthin 'I know' the kanthidha dini 'he knew' the
nganthingun 'I know them (pl)'

understand: BATH + THE
the mabathnu 'I will know' the mammath 'I know' mere the
mabath 'I don't know' the mabathmabathnu 'I'll know your (sg)
actions/ways'

understand: MARRIK
mere mabathmabathdha 'I didn't understand you' manganmarta 'I
understood him' ngurrammangawurt 'I continually understand'

unmarried man: makarduma nc: kardu

unsuccessful: SAY
mere ngurdibay nukun 'I won't fail' ngurrammabay ngurrann 'I
continually fail' murrinh ngurdumay 'I failed in speech (I
was unsuccessful in getting my point across)'

untie: REMETH
ngurumhimererethu 'I'll untie your foot (shoe)'
ngurdantereth 'I untied it'

upset, to be troubled: MARDARTA
bangimmartantamu 'I'll be upset' bangamardarta dim 'he is
upset'
upside down: pelpith pepe
urinate: YEVEL
tu were wurranyeye ngarra thay kanhi ‘the dog continually urinates on this tree’
urines: thigath nc: nanthi
useless: wardam adj.
vagina: weyi nc: nanthi
vegetable foodstuffs: mi (negative = mami) noun class
vein: makinamin nc: nanthi
vine (spec.): tharrthi nc: nanthi
vine (spec.): pirlpirl nc: nanthi
vine (spec.): lintha nc: nanthi
vine (spec.): kalminmin nc: nanthi
vision, trance: NGKATUM
pungungkatunu ‘I’ll have a vision’ pankatum ‘he had a vision’
voice, deep: burrburr nc: murrinh
voice, very deep: pewerti burrburr nc: murrinh
vulva: warn- IBP
vulva: midhut nc: nanthi
wade: THARL
ngurrutharlu ‘I will wade’ ngurranthari ‘I’m wading’
wait for: NGKA + BATH
bath mangkanu ‘I’ll wait for’ bath manka ngem ‘I’m waiting for’
wait for: HARGAMARDGA
nginpamardamanu ‘I’ll wait for you’ ngemmaranda ‘I am waiting’
walk: wiliill n.
wake: LILI
ngurrullinu ‘I’ll walk’ ngurrannili ‘I’m walking’
gunungalili ngem ‘I’m walking’
walk pigeon-toed: WINGKARLE
me mawingkarlenu ngurru ‘I’ll walk pigeon-toed’ me mampingkarle ngurran ‘I’m walking pigeon-toed’
walk stiff legged because of heavy objects on feet : NANGKAY
bunangkayu ngurru ‘I will walk stiff-legged’ bannangkay ngurran ‘I’m walking stiff-legged’
wax with feet out: WAN
me ngiwallu ngurru ‘I’ll walk with my feet out’ me ngingawan ngurran ‘I’m walking with my feet out’
wailaby: lawarnka nc: ku
wailaby, rock: thuqurlirli nc: ku
wailaby, small: ngalulu nc: ku
wailaby, small (spec.): malagga nc: ku
wasm: tukiriiki n. and adj.
want or mole: mirroral nc: nanthi
wash ashore: MADAT
bumardatu ‘he’ll be washed ashore’ banmandat ‘he was washed ashore’
washing place, ablution: purlpurl nc: da
waste: PI
mere thordupi nukun ‘don’t you (sg) waste it’ mi wurdami wurran ‘he continually wastes food’
watch: BATH
ngirranhabthnu ‘I will watch you’ ngirranganmath ‘I watched’
watch one’s mouth: DHAWURTIR
thirrangidhawurtirnu ‘you (sg) watch my mouth’
watch out for danger: WINHETKAT
ngirrawinhetkatnu ngi ‘I’ll watch out for danger’ ngirranganpinhetkat ‘I watched out for danger’
watch-over: NGKA
ngirranganu ‘I’ll watch over it’ ngirranganka ‘I watched over it’
watchful: blirlbiri adj.
water hole: Kamaru nc: kura
water in log/stump: tharr nc: kura
water lily (spec.): thalarthay nc: mi
water lily (spec.): murr nc: mi
water lily (spec.): mugarurr nc: mi
water lily (spec.): magarn nc: mi
water lily (spec.): thilthil nc: mi
water python: nuth nc: ku
water rat: mumun or mu’mun nc: ku
water whistling duck: ngententhay nc: ku
water, fresh: kura (negative = makura) kura ngiplinh 'fresh water river/creek' kura yelyel 'rain' noun class

wave: NGKARLAY manka 'I waved to him' manngingkarlay wurran 'he continually waves to me'
wave (reflex.): NGKARLAY meungkarlaynu 'I'll wave to myself'
wave(s) of the sea: nguuninh nc: nanthi way: wangu kanhi wangu 'this way' n.

we dual female : ngankuninha pronoun
we dual inclusive : neki pronoun
we dual male: ngankuninha pronoun
we dual sibling: nganku pronoun
we inclusive paucal female : nekingime pronoun
we inclusive paucal male: nekineme pronoun
we paucal female : ngankungime pronoun
we paucal male: ngankuneme pronoun
we paucal sibling: nganki pronoun
we plural : nganki pronoun

we plural: neki pronoun

weak: WURT ngunuwtunu 'I'll be feeble' mungawurt wurdan wurran 'he is continually feeble now'
wear male pubic covering: THIRRI methirrinu pirra 'he will wear a pubic covering' meminhathirri pirrin 'they (du m) are wearing a pubic covering' menthirradh kan 'he continually wears a pubic covering'
wear out: GUAEK dimingingathuk 'they (du f) are worn out' nanthi truck dinkuwuk wurdan 'the truck is worn out now'

adj. wet, to moisten: WEWU ngawewunu 'I'll wet it' ngawapwu 'I wet it'

what: ngarra? ngarra wangu thrurran 'where are you (sg) going?' ngarra man 'what did he say/do?' interrogative
what for? what do you want?: thangku-nu? interrogative
what? what's wrong?: thangku or thangku? interrogative
where?: ngarra? ngarra wangu thrurran 'where are you (sg) going?' ngarra man 'what did he say/do?' interrogative
which one?: ngarra nimin? nanthi ngarra nimin le thanam-yu 'which thing do you like?' interrogative
whimbrel: kurrekurre ncl: ku
whirlwind: thegalarn ncl: nanthi
whiskers: thingmanthay ncl: nanthi
whisper: NGARAKNGARAK
ningarangwarangkunu ‘I’ll whisper’ dinmingarangkangaraktha ‘he was whispering to me’
whisper: ngarangwarang ncl: murrin
white: BANGURR
ngunubangurrnu ‘I’ll go dressed in white’ dimangun ‘he’s sitting in white’
white: baman adj.
white hair: bawe
white love apple tree: Kumpampa ncl: nanthi
white whiskers: puludhay ncl: nanthi
white-bellied mangrove snake: langku ncl: ku
white-breasted sea eagle: Kankaangartkar ncl: ku
white-faced heron: miiit ncl: ku
who: ngarra
kardu pana ngarra yibimpup ‘that person who died’ relative pronoun
who? who do you want?: nangkal-nu? interrogative
who?: nangkal? or nangkal-yu?
angkal kardu pana-yu? ‘who is that person?’
interrogative
whole: binhi adj.
why?: thangku-nu? interrogative
wide: ngalada marda adj.
widow: minkumurr
kardu paingun minkumurr ‘widow’ kardu nugarn minkumurr ‘widower’ ncl: kardu
wife’s father and wife’s father’s brothers: Kaka Kapi ncl: kardu
wife’s mother and wife’s mother’s sisters: pipinginarr ncl: kardu
wild, very: waimanka
kardu wampumanka ‘they (pl) are wild’ or ‘they (pl) are cross-eyed’ adj.
will/bequest, written or spoken: pekurkpe ncl: murrin

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willie waqtai: thiimpirri ncl: ku
wilt: BULAR
pebugarrihu it will droop! demmuran ‘it drooped’
wind: wirrurr ncl: nanthi
wind gust: ngawunh ncl: nanthi
wink: NGKARDITH
manhingkardi nthu ‘I will wink at you(sg)’ manguingkardeth wurru ‘he continually winks at me’
wipe clean another’s or one’s own bottom: RIPURL
dilamunripu ‘she wiped clean his bottom’ dilamunripuru ‘she wiped clean her own bottom’

with: ngaranka
nanthi thanamut ngarra nuku ‘give the thing to him’

preposition
woman, middle-aged: paingun keke ncl: kardu
woman, usually married and young: paingun ncl: kardu
womb: wampanh ncl: nanthi
woollybutt: karngurrin ncl: nanthi

worn, two-headed: varampi ncl: ku
worry: WETHIN
pangwethinhu ‘I will worry’ dampethin dim ‘he’s worrying’

wound (from bullet): thungku lirrawi ncl: nanthi
write: RILIL
ngariililnu ‘I’ll write’ ngarntilil ngem ‘I’m writing’
yam (spec.): waaka ncl: mi
yam (spec.): thalam ncl: mi
yam (spec.): thamku ncl: mi
yam, bitter (spec.): mirnalt ncl: mi
yawn: RDEL
manngirdei ‘I yawned’ marnei ‘he yawned’
year, i.e. used to measure time: thangku
da thangku num ‘one year’ (lit. one wet season) ncl: da

yellow freshwater catfish: Kunhpinu ncl: Ku
yellow-bellied black snake: pouung ncl: ku
yellow-faced whip snake: thimutthi ncl: ku
yellow/orange ochre: Kabat ncl: nanthi
yes: yu n.
ku ke
nerite shell

ku palla
false trumpet shell

ku nimpangart
giant mitre shell

ku kaparlingka
periwinkle shell
MURRINH-PATHA TO ENGLISH
ATH to get, to take (only one item) to sing (lit. to get a song)

marnthu 'I'll get it' manganart 'I got it' nanthi thanamartu

pumartu 'we(incl) will sing a song'

ART + MARRA to desire (often implying love), to want

marda marnthu 'I will desire' marda manganart ngem 'I desire him' nukunu-kara marda manganarthwarran 'he continually desires us(incl)'

ATH to eat

mi ngaunthu 'I'll eat the food' mi pullamath 'they(pl) ate the food'

ATH to change into, to turn into

ngurudanathu 'I'll change this into ...' ngurdanath 'I changed this into ...' ngurdanathkathu 'I'll change them into ...'

AWU n. no

AWU 'no' AWU wurdru 'definitely not'

ballu n. : Ku mud crab

BARLBARL to fly (as of a bird) to flap wings (bird, also used for stingray)

purrubarlbarlu 'it will fly' nungamarbarl 'it is flying'

banaam adj. white

bamanthamari n. : Ku Torres Strait pigeon (lit. white necked bird)

bantungutut n. : nanthi bottle tree n. : mi fruit, edible of bottle tree

bangamerta n. : Ku mallard duck (lit. broad-footed bird)

BANGURR to be white to be dressed in white

ngunubangurrnu 'I'll go dressed in white' dimangurr 'he's sitting in white'

BAT to throw at (large spear or stone)

thamul nungammat 'he threw the spear' thamul pirrimngabarbat 'he always throws the spear at me'

BAT to hit once (usually referring to a heavy blow, e.g. fighting stick)

ngunabhathu 'I'll hit you(sg) pannam 'I hit him'

BAT to fall (intrans.) to be born
dyubat nukunu 'you(sg) might fall' bammat 'I fell' bawath nganam 'I continually fall' ngarra-wa damaat nharinyu 'where were you(sg) born?'

BAT to fall (trans.) to knock over to drop a child

thawath wangu kardu wakal dubat nukunu 'go carefully, you might drop the child' thawat bammat 'I knocked the tree over'

batbat adj. right (i.e. opposite left)

mange batbat 'right hand' batbatgima 'I'm right handed'

batbat perrkenku adj. ambidextrous (lit. two rights)

battat-te adv. by way of the right

BATH to have something caught in one's throat (meat, bread, etc.)

yungamngibath dim 'I have something caught in my throat'

BATH to take, to bring

nanthi manabathnu ngurru 'I'll take the thing to him' mammath 'I took it'

BATH to cook (intrans.)

pebathnu 'it will cook' dunnath dim 'it is cooking'

BATH to watch

ngirranganbathnu 'I will watch you' ngirranganmammath 'I watched'

BATH to drown to submerge

pangibathnu 'I will submerge' kabath nukunu 'he might drown' ngay-ka mere tengibaththa 'I didn't drown'

BATH + MARRIN to obey to believe (lit. to take one's word)
marrin mangukabarbat 'he believed/obeyed my word' mere marrin mengebaththa 'he didn't believe/obey her word'

BATH + THE to know (lit. to have in one's ear) to understand to remember

the mabathnu 'I will know' the mammath 'I know' mere the mabath 'I don't know' the manhimabathnu 'I'll know your(sg) actions/ways'

BATH + THE to know oneself

the menebath 'I know myself'

bewe n. white hair (from banam-we)

BAY to be sated, to be full

mannumay 'they(pl) were sated'

BAY to fail (trans.)

ngurdumbabaynu 'I'll cause you to fail' ngurdannabay 'I caused him to fail'

BAY to fail (intrans.) to be unsuccessful

mere ngurdubay nukunu 'I won't fail' ngurdambayngurru 'I continually fail' marrin ngurudmanay 'I failed in speech (I was unsuccessful in getting my point across)'

baybaye n. : Ku kangaroo, female antilopine

BEK to howl (dog/dingo)

Ku were pirrakebkebnu 'the dog will continually howl'

BEKTHAY to open one's mouth

ngibekthaynu 'I'll open my mouth' kanamkekthay 'he continually opens his mouth'

benh n. : nanthi a lump/growth (under the skin)

BIRL to singe, bird (etc.)

Ku ngalungkirr mabinirinu 'I will singe the pied geese' mammiri 'I sanged it'
BIRL to turn one's head around to look

mebirinu 'I will turn my head around' memmibiri wurrn 'he continually turns his head around' memmibiri 'I turned my head around to look at him'

birbirl adj. alert watchful

BIRLBIIRL to keep watch

ngbirbirinu 'I will keep watch' ngsembirlbirinu 'I kept watch'

BURLINGHA to be alert, to be watchful (particularly used of a crocodile floating in the water with his eyes always open)
yibimiringka 'he's lying alert, watching'

birlu n.: ku bait (fish)

birlu n. and adj. life alive

kardu birnu kaman 'he's alive' nanthi birnu pangkuy 'long life'

BIRNU to live, be alive

ngbirembirinu 'I'll be alive'

binni adj. whole (i.e. the whole of an object)

BIRR to hold/retain in one's mouth before swallowing (e.g. food, water)

nggar thatphi-re danibirriha wurrin, nanthi mulurn 'he was holding the leaf in his mouth (going)'/ngamirr ngaman 'I continually hold it in my mouth'

BIRR to spear (many objects) to sew (with a sewing machine)

ngunubirru 'I will spear them'/ku birnu ngunnungamirr nguman 'we (pl. exci) are spearing bait'

BIRR to bury to plant

babirrirnu 'I will plant (many objects)'/bangamirr 'I planted it'

BIRR to bury oneself

bemubirru 'I will bury myself'/bemubirru 'I buried myself'

binni adj. ku frog (spec.), little, green

birbirl adj. buried planted

ku birbirl 'buried corpse'

birdimanka nc: ku bee (spec.)

BIYE to overlook not to notice

mebyibenu 'I will not notice' menthebiye kaman 'he continually overlooks it'

bubirl nc: nanthi ripples (in the water)

BIRURURL to ripple the water by walking in it

Kura ngurububurlu nguru 'I'll make the water ripple'/ngurdanumburil ngurran 'I'm rippling the water'

BUGARL to droop to wilt

pebulginu 'it will droop' demmugarl 'it dropped'

bugarbugarlam adj. stretchy, resilient

BURURURT to be corrugated

mayern bangamurumururt wurrn 'the road is corrugated'

burrburr nc: murrinh voice, deep

burrburr adj. cold

burrekurrekmam adj. sticky cruel

burrekurrekmanthe n. listen, one who won't (not deaf)

burrekurrekhvie 'you (sg) won't listen'

burrurr nc: nanthi termite hill nc: ku snake (spec.)

small, brown (found around termite hills)

BURTA to have a bump to be corrugated (R form)

mayern bangamurumururt dim 'the road has a bump'/mayern bangamurumururt wurrn 'the road is corrugated'

da (negative = manangka da) noun class camps, living places, localities/seasons

ngarra da 'at home' da Nangu 'Nangu (place name)' da thipinh 'night time'/da mingang 'cold season'/manangka da 'no camp, no time, etc.'

dakarranh adj. polygynous man (i.e. a man with more than one wife)

dalmarri nc: ku scorpion

dama nc: ku eastern golden plover

dang nc: ku lobster

da ma nc: da mangroves nc: nanthi mangrove tree (spec.)

darrangarn nc: ku John Dory (fish)

darrarat 'darraratka nc: Kardu thief, robber'/darraratwunka 'robbers(pl)'/

darrinda nc: ku mosquito, black

darrikardu nc: kardu countryman relative kardu darrikardu ngay 'my countryman'

darrinanthi nc: ku green pygmy goose

darrinparr nc: da grass plains

darripi nc: ku skin of an animal nc: nanthi skin of a human skin of fruit bank of tree

darripi ngernu nc: mi or nanthi husk, shell of food

derrinh nc: ku embryo (only for pied geese eggs)
dimu nc: nanthi teeth/tooth

dimunundi nc: da shore

dimun ogic nc: nanthi gum, of tooth

dinhnhithi nc: ku berry (spec.), edible (spiky skin)
dingari nc: nanthi tree (spec.), with purple flowers
dirr nc: ku blue tusk fish nc: mii flesh of green mala

dirri nc: ku bird’s nest
dirryerdi nc: da cliff bank
diththumpuri nc: da sand bank
durrket nc: ku green frog
durrngman nc: ku Russell’s snapper

RDA to disturb/interrupt another
manna ‘I disturbed him’ mere hangirdarda nguk thurru ‘don’t you’(sg) continually disturb me

ROAD to track
ngarna ngurrangu ‘I’m tracking him’ nganinnadha tharra ‘I was tracking them(pl)’

RODARRA to hobble
punurdardinru ‘he will hobble’ wurrannardarr ‘he is hobbling’

RODAL to stand/lean something up against another object
nanthi nurdardinru ‘I will stand the things up’ pannai ‘I stood it up’

RODARRADA to stack one on top of another (trans.)
bandarradaru ‘I’ll stack them’ bangannarranda ‘I stacked them’

RODARRADA to stack one on top of another (intrans.)
bernarrada dim ‘they are stacked one on top of another’

ROARI to be behind an object to eclipse
mandarrinu ‘I’ll be behind and object’ mannarridi ‘he’s behind an object (sitting)’

ROARRIRDA to report to confess
thangirrandardinu ‘you’(sg) will report to me’ darrnarrada wurran ‘he continually reports to him’ dannarrardar ‘he confessed to him’

ROARRIRDURO to heap up
mandarrirdurndunu ‘I’ll heap it up’ marrnarrirdurdu ‘I heaped it up’

ROARRIRDURO to heap up on oneself
nanthi blanket memminthardarrirdurdu ‘they(du m) heaped up the blankets on themselves’

ROARRIMEPU to be overcome with awe, to be greatly astonished to be spellbound
mukuk peneme-ka mampunkurdarrimepu-da-math-emme ‘their(pc m) brains just couldn’t grasp it’ Kamarr ngay-ka marrgindarrimepu ‘my eyes couldn’t behold it’

ROARRIRAL to go too far (regarding anything) to overstep mere thungurdarriral thi ‘don’t you’(sg) go too far’ yungannarriral wurran ‘he continually goes to far’

ROARRIBAPAT to thump one’s back (to remove congestion etc.)
nunghirradarraptapnu ‘I’ll thump your’(sg) back’ pannarraptap ‘I thumped his back’

ROARRIRIRIR to observe, to keep a lookout
ngirrandarririrntnu ‘I’ll observe’ ngirrangannarririrt
ngurran ‘I continually observe’

ROARRIRTHAK to amuse oneself
mange mardarrirthaknu ‘I’ll amuse myself’ mange marrnarrthak
ngem ‘I’m amusing myself’

ROARRIRTHAK + MURRINH to slander another
murrinh mardarrirthaknu ‘[I’ll] slander him’ murrinh marrnarrthak ‘[I slandered him’

ROARRITHUK to conceal oneself behind objects
ngnarrarrithuknu ‘I’ll conceal myself from him’
gnarrarrithuk ngurran ‘I continually conceal myself’

ROARRIRIRIRRAT to be burdened with many things on one’s mind
mukuk purdarririrrkatnu ‘he’ll be burdened with many things on his mind’ mukuk pannarririrrkat kanam ‘he’s continually burdened with many things on his mind’

ROARRUP to cover (with blanket, etc.)
nagarrupnu ‘I will cover it’ ngannarrupnu ‘I’ll cover them(pl)’

ROARRUP to cover (reflex)
ngelnurirdarrupnu ‘I’ll cover myself’ ngernarrup ‘I covered myself’

ROE to hit with something pointed or round (e.g. short spear, fist, hammer, bullet, blunt end of axe, etc.) to snag hook on submerged log, etc.
bangarne ‘I hit it’(once) berderedha ngardi ‘I was hitting it’

ROE to hit (reflex)
beminuride ‘I hit myself’

ROEL to yawn
manngirdel ‘I yawned’ marnel ‘he yawned’

ROERTPART to skirt to move along the edge
ngurdertpartnu ‘I’ll skirt along the edge’ pannertpart ‘I skirted along the edge’

ROIBU to have tooth ache
bangangiridibu dim ‘I have a tooth ache’ bangarnibu dim ‘he has a tooth ache’
RODIRYRL to ascend a mountain (i.e., a very high object)
RODIRYRL 'I will ascend' marnirryerl 'I ascended'
ROURL to be obstructed from moving to be blocked off from moving (e.g., football game)
ngandrulu 'I' ll be blocked off' nganyru 'I was blocked off' nganirudurulidha ngini 'I was continually obstructed'
ROUY to turn around an object (trans.) to change one's life (conversion)
manthi ngurduruynu 'I'll turn the thing around' nukunu-ka wurdannurduy warda niguwu-yu Karu nginipunha numi warda wurrinidha 'he changed her life and she was like another person' manthi ngurduruynu 'I'll turn the back end around' thurdurardardu 'you (sg) turn the middle (main part) over'
ROUY to turn around oneself (intrans.)
ngurduruynu 'I'll turn around' ngurduruy 'I turned around
wurdirampirramardu 'he turned to face them(pl)'
ROUY + MUKMUK to change one's mind (lit. to turn one's brain over)
mukmuk ngurduruynu 'I'll change my mind' mukmuk ngurduruynu 'I changed my mind'
DHAKTHUK to collect (generally used for large items)
ngadhakthhuhnku 'I will collect (them)' nanthakthhuk 'I collected (them)'
DHALERR to hatch (egg)
kutum tunuhalerprnu 'the egg(s) will hatch' kutum nunganthallerr 'the egg(s) hatched'
DHALERT to fill up an object
madhalertnu 'I will fill it up' mantharlertert wurran 'he continually fills it up'
DHALERT to fill up (reflex)
medhaleltu 'it will fill up' menthalet 'it filled up'
DHALURT to stand around in expectation (e.g., when a fight is brewing, or on)
pudhalurt prira 'they(pl) will stand in expectation' panthaulurt prirn 'they(pl) are standing around in expectation'
DHARL to open
madharlunu 'I will open it' mantharluturl 'I opened them (many objects)'
DHARL to open (reflex)
medharlunu 'it will open' nanthi door menthari prirn 'the door is open'
DHANLALIP to choke
mangidharlalipnu 'I'll choke him' manthamalip 'I choked him'
DHANMYNW to have phlegm caught in throat
mandaingidhamunum dim 'I have phlegm caught in my throat'
DHAMAWURR to have something caught in one's throat
pungidhamawurrnu 'I'll have something caught in my throat' panthamawurr 'he had something caught in his throat'
DHAMAYERR to have itchy throat (inside)
mandainghamayerr dim 'I have an itchy throat'
DHAP to close one's mouth to be quiet to shut up
madhapnu 'I'll close my mouth' manthap 'I closed my mouth'
nmadhap 'you (pl) shut up!'
DHAP to stop another talking, by giving him something
budhapnu 'I'll stop him from talking' banthap 'I stopped him from talking'
DHAP to stop another talking
budhapnu 'I'll stop him talking' banthap 'I stopped him talking'
DHAP to close
manthi door ngadhappnu 'I will close the door' nanthi door ngadhappnu 'I will close many doors' nganthap 'I closed it'
DHAP to close (reflex)
pedhapnu 'it will close' nanthi dentapp pirim 'the thing is closed' nanthi denadhawuphtha wurrin 'the things were closed'
DHAP to stop another talking, by words
nguniahphapnu 'I'll stop you(sg) from talking' pantap 'I stopped him from talking'
DHARK to tie a knot(s)
medharkkirrnu 'I will tie knots' mantharrk 'I tied a knot'
DHARKE to tie a knot (reflex)
medharknu 'it will tie itself in a knot' mentharrk 'it tied itself in a knot'
DHARRAT to be bogged/stuck (intrans.)
kidharrkat nuku 'he might get bogged' ngentharrkat 'I'm bogged' dinidharrarrdu 'they were bogged'
DHARRAT to bog an object (trans.)
budharrkatnu 'I will bog it' truck bantharrarr kanam 'he continually bogs the truck(s)'
DHARRPU to ask
nganadharrpunu 'I will ask you' ngantharrpu 'I asked him'
DHARRAT to pass intentionally to overshoot intentionally
ngadharrpunnu 'I'll go past' dantharrwatwat wurran 'he continually overshoots'
DHARRYRR to foam at the mouth
madharryrrnu 'I'll foam at the mouth' mantharryrr 'I foamed at the mouth'
DHARRYIT to be cautious to take it easy
ngadharryitrnu 'I'll be cautious' ngantharryit 'I was cautious'
DHART to answer
nganthart 'I answered' damngidhart 'he answered me'

DHWIBEK - DHAYBEK to open another's mouth
manthidhawibeknu 'I'll open your(sg) mouth' manthawibek 'I opened his mouth'

DHWIWLERR to join ends together
ngadhiwirlerrnu 'I'll join the ends together' nganthiwlerr 'I joined the ends together'

DHWIWTERT to watch one's mouth (e.g. for how to pronounce a word, etc.)
thirrangidhwirtirtnu 'you (sg) watch my mouth'

DWAYGURDUK to breast feed, to give to drink
pumpadhaygurduknu 'she will breast feed him for you(sg)'
panthaygurduk 'she breast fed him'

DWAYMIRR thunder roll (first signs of the wet season)
marrak kanhi badhaymurrnu 'this wet season coming'
banganthamirr 'the thunder roared'

Dhe nc: Ku swimming crab

GURUUK to drink
kura patha bagurudu 'I will drink water' kura patha bampkurduk 'I drank water' kura patha kanamkurudugurduk 'he continually drank water'

GUMA to make smoke with green leaves on a fire (green leaves from the ironwood tree (menek) are used for headache and other minor ailments)
ngugumanu 'I will make smoke' pankumama 'I made smoke'

GURUK to fold
mamkuger 'I folded it' mamkuguruk wurran 'he continually folds it'

GUTHOUTH to scratch with paw (dog)
kurude demkuthkuth yibim 'the dog is scratching himself with his paw'

GUUK to wear out, to deteriorate (used of things and people
- when used of people, normally means physically worn out (old age) but can also mean getting soft, i.e. always agreeing, etc.)
diminginbahwek they'du (they are worn out) nanthi truck dimkwek warda 'the truck is worn out now'

Kaba nc: Ku northern rosella
Kabat nc: nanthi yellow/orange ochre
Kardirrak nc: nanthi eyebrow
Kardu (negative = makardu) noun class human beings, male and female (Aboriginal only) human spirits, i.e. spirit children and the soul Kinship terminology
Kardu thipman 'black person (Aboriginal)' Kardu ngarrithgarrith 'spirit children' Kardu ngepan 'soul/spirit of a living person' Kardu pole 'old man, leader, husband'
Kaka nc: kardu mother's brother
Kaka Kapi nc: kardu wife's father and wife's father's brothers
Kakalak nc: ku brown tree snake (white and orange bands)
nc: ku balon/melon shell
Kakpa nc: nanthi tear juice - from fruit or animal
Kalagaik nc: Ku dolphin
Kalampitpit nc: Ku Australian magpie lark (peewee)
Kaianthitthit nc: ku lice, body
Kalarni nc: Ku honey, wild - from mangrove area
Kalawipi nc: ku banded stilt
Kale nc: kardu mother, mother's sisters
Kalekaie nc: kardu mothers, plural mother, actual
Kalekaie adj. massive
Kalinhkayerrak nc: ku silver gull
Kalalk nc: da night, middle of
Kalla nc: ku brindled bandicoot
Kalmiminnc: nanthi vine (spec.) nc: mi berry, small - from nanthi Kalmimin
Kalmiminnc: ku green tree snake
Kalthererre nc: ku masked plover
Karli nc: nanthi Nymphoides (water lily with yellow flower) nc: mi root, edible, of Nymphoides
Karlu to move straight (as of crocodile and poisonous snake)
ku kanarrurturt wurrankar 'the crocodile moved along straightly'
Karlay nc: nanthi fishing net
Kamari nc: nanthi eye face hook of spear thrower
nc: kura water hole nc: mi a seed nc: kardu sweetheart
Kamari Kimitkimit nc: nanthi eyelash, eyelid
Kamari ngarlingki nc: nanthi eye, corner of one's bammhingkardu Kamari ngarlingki-re 'I saw you(sg) out of the corner of my eye'
Kamari walangka nc: nanthi eyes, properly positioned
(i.e. not cross-eyed, etc.)
Kamarrama nc: kardu blind person
Kampa nc: nanthi laughter
KAPPA to laugh
ngenkampa ‘I laughed’ dirranganngikampa ‘he laughed at me’
damngakampa ‘he laughed at me’
kanarturturt nc: ku crocodile (generic) (lit. animal that
floats), gecko
Kananganthan nc: Ku emu
Kankaletet nc: Ku sandpiper
Kanngangu nc: Ku crocodile, salt-water - small
Kanthirra n. namesake (only one from a different clan)
Kanabay nc: nanthi (etc.) possessions of another (belonging
to someone else)
Karrinthen nc: nanthi tree (spec.) - used for making
circumcision apron nc: nanthi circumcision apron
Karrkart nc: nanthi: testicles/scrotum
Karrmurrirn nc: nanthi: woollybutt (often used for making
didgeridoos)
Kantarr nc: ku toad
Kantikek nc: ku spotted tree monitor
Kanhi n. this here
da kanhi ‘this place’ or ‘here’
Kanhi-re adv. by this way
Kanga nc: nanthi small of back
Kangkarl adj. or n. above, aloft, on top
Kangkarinamawu nc: ku (noun class not often used) The One who
abides above (usually meaning Jesus), Jesus
Kankangartkart nc: ku white-breasted sea eagle
Kangunu nc: murrinh speech that is patterned or rhythmic
Kaparl nc: nanthi sleep from eye
Kaparingka nc: ku periwinkle shell nc: nanthi sleep from
eye
Kaputhkaputh nc: ku periwinkle shell nc: nanthi sleep from
pool within a river
Karurn nc: ku grub, white - found in thay yempi and & Kurl
Karrak nc: ku blue-winged kookaburra
Karrath nc: ku spirit of deceased evil spirit Devil
(sometimes used to refer to the devil or Satan)
Karren nc: ku beach stone curlew
Karriyengen nc: ku dollar bird
KARRK + MARDA [or] MAGULKUL to lament for another (another’s
death etc.)
nukunu-ka magulkul pirrimkarrkinthu ‘he’s lamenting for
another man’
Karrkunrk nc: ku tauny frogmouth
Karrmi nc: ku straw-necked ibis
Karrthin nc: ku spotted/swamp harrier a moiety group
Katan nc: nanthi Personia Falcata (native fruit tree)
nc: mi fruit, edible, from Personia Falcata
Kartpurn nc: ku pied butcher bird
KATH to cross over (river or road)
ngrurrkathnu ‘I’ll cross over’ ngipilinh ngarrimkawurk ‘I
habitually cross the river’
Kathkath nc: da crossing
Kathu adv. from towards
Kanthi kathu ‘from here’ purduwurlu Kathu ‘he will return’
Kawen nc: nanthi bloodwood tree (used for adhesive sap and
good burning firewood)
Kawu nc: Kardu mother’s mother (grandmother) mother’s
mother’s sister(s)
Kayenu nc: mi fruit, edible inside of soaked cycad palm
fruit (mi put)
Ke nc: ku nerite shell nc: nanthi cartonema, native
glass with flower nc: mi fruit, edible, of nanthi Ke
nc: nanthi tree (spec.)
Kernert nc: ku blue-spotted stingray
Kenhin nc: nanthi grass (spec.) with edible root nc: mi
root, edible, from nanthi Kenhin
Kerun nc: Ku shrimp
Kerrrental nc: da sunset
Kerretten nc: nanthi grass seed from nanthi wuwu
Kerrkerrk adj. sharp edge
Kerte nc: nanthi grass (spec.) used for making necklaces
Kerte tanam nc: nanthi necklace (made from nanthi parnu
Kerte)
Kethi nc: ku wedge shell (spec.) fresh water
Kikmun nc: Ku beeswax
Kilern nc: nanthi fruit tree (spec.) with small green edible berries nc: mi fruit from nanthi thay kilern
Kilikilik nc: ku galah
Kiniili nc: ku lesser frigate bird
Kiningka nc: nanthi digging stick
Kiniwu nc: nanthi dugout canoe with pointed ends (made from thay thumpit)
Kirik nc: ku pied goose
Kirikbe nc: ku bird (generic)
Kitkit n. clip-clop sound of horses' (etc.) feet
KIKITIME to trot, (the clip-clop sound of horse etc.)
KU to fish (with line) to hit (with a missile) to move quickly (walk or run)
nigiku 'I'll go fishing/I'll move fast' Ku ngurimiri perrkenku dimiku 'he caught two fish
KU to throw away (one item)
nanthi pana thunuku 'you(sg) throw that thing away' nanthi nungamku 'he threw it away'
Kurdugurduk adj. drinkable
Kura Kurdugurduk 'drinkable liquid'
Kugaling nc: nanthi Kurrajong tree nc: mi fruit, edible, from Kurrajong tree
Kugarn nc: thungku fire, wild (that spreads by itself)
Kukpi nc: ku carpet snake
Kulangu nc: ku mullet (spec.)
KierrKkurk nc: ku broga
KULKUL to expect
mamgikulkul dim noku nu nu 'I'm expecting him'
KULKUL to be excited
mangikulkul 'I'll be excited' mamgikulkul dim 'I'm excited'
Kulingamin nc: nanthi milkwood (used for making dugout canoes)
Kulpurru nc: nanthi body hair (including pubic hair) fur of an animal
Kuluyrin nc: ku short-tailed catfish
Kurl nc: nanthi peanut tree nc: mi fruit from peanut tree
KURL to splash water (as of fish jumping)
Ku ngurimiri dimkurl 'the fish splashed the water'
KURL to splash water with one's hand
Kura pankurl 'I splashed the water'
Kurlgurl nc: da a season - build up to the wet season - a few showers and grass starts to grow
Kurli nc: Kardu a man who has lost his son or daughter
Kurikurl nc: da short stay (in time)
KURLKURL to splash water
Kura nganikurkurlnu 'I'll splash the water' dimkurkurl
'he's splashing the water'
Kurlurnurturk nc: ku peaceful dove
KurlurtKurt nc: ku grey salt-water catfish
KUM to swim
ngurrkumnu 'I'll swim' ngurrankumkum 'I'm continually swimming'
KUM to swim taking an object
nanthi nganuku 'I'll swim taking that thing' nanthi pana Kanthikumkumtha wurrini 'he was swimming taking that thing'
Kumilu nc: mi potato, bush (spec.)
Kumkum nc: nanthi swimming
Kumpampa nc: nanthi white love apple tree nc: mi fruit, edible, from white love apple tree
Kumparra adj. first leading
Kardu Kumparra 'leading man'
Kumpit nc: Ku Kangaroo, male antilopine
Kunukurr nc: thu fighting stick, flat - used by men (made from thay menek)
Kumulung nc: nanthi blood
Kumulung Arrin nc: nanthi scab
Kumulung Thipan nc: nanthi blood blister
Kumulung Wekek nc: nanthi blood clot, dried blood
Kunkurraware (Kunkurrare short form) adv. quickly
KUNNIN to hiccup
bangamngikunnun dim 'I'm hiccuping' bangamkunnun 'he's hiccuping'
KUNTHI to request
nganingekunthi 'I'll request of her' Kanamngakunthikunthi 'he continually requests of me'
kunthikunthiyi nc: kardu one who continually requests
sponge
kunutharr nc: kardu first born child
Kunungingi - Kunungangka adj. small, little
Kurnern nc: Ku step-ladder dosima shell
Kurnew nc: nanthi Billycan
Kurnkur nc: ku revally (small)
kurnthik nc: nanthi stomach
kurnthik num i de yi da ngurran
Kurnthi k
kuppek
Kunhpini nc:
kurnew i
Kunthikunthiyi nc: kardinkunekunntharr
Kurnth ik nga l a nc:
Kunhpine
Kurumurru
Kura (negative = kardinkunekunntharr) (kardu kunhpina
Kardinkunekunntharr 'person with deformed hands')
kurnkurn nc: kardu Kunhpima
Kurnkurn nc:
kurnkurn ngi akurrknu '111
Kurnkurn nc: kardu Kunhpina 'person with deformed hands'
kurnkurn ngi akurrknu 'I request'
kurnkurn ngi akurrknu 'I request'
kurnkurn nc: nanthi scratching noise
Kurruur Kurrubirn nc: ku red-crowned pigeon
Kurruurrurnc: nanthi seaweed moss
Kurruurl nc: nanthi spike rush (spec.)
KUT to collect by hand (more than one item) to gather by hand (more than one item)
makutnu 'I will gather them' mangankut 'I gathered them'
KUT to collect (more than one item) to gather (more than one item)
nganikutnu 'I will gather them' mi kardikutkuttha 'he was collecting food'
kututu nc: nanthi reed (spec.)
kurtintharr nc: nanthi backbone (human or animal) nc: mi potato, bush (spec.)
kuthpurung nc: mi cape gooseberry (Engl ish derivation)
kuwarri nc: nanthi shield, with handle
kuwin nc: ku blue-faced honeyeater
Kuydharr nc: ku taipan
Kuyinmarnc: nanthi tree (spec.)
Kuywi nc: nanthi sandstone, pink nc: ku pink cockatoo
LA to climb up
nganilanu 'I'll climb up' nganala 'I climbed up'
LAL to stack one on top of another (reflex.)
delawurrang 'they (pl) are all stacked one on top of another deminimalal 'two are stacked one on another (e.g. a 2 story house)
lala nc: mi cycad/zamia palm fruit, when green
lalingkin nc: nanthi salt-water ocean
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Lamala nc: nanthi shoulder
Lametingi nc: kardu uncircumcised boy
Lampathe nc: nanthi lump in body - from infected body sores
Lamunh nc: kudu green tree ant
Lamunh wakali nc: kudu green tree ant, large and edible
Langkalangka nc: kudu pearl oyster shell
Langku nc: kudu white-bellied mangrove snake
Larrin adj. dry/dead (of leaves, grass etc.)
Larrplarrp nc: nanthi shell grit
Lathpa nc: kudu banded kelp shell
Lathparr nc: kudu black duck nc: da (place name)
Lawa nc: nanthi (palyirr) rock, red & hard
Lawali nc: nanthi thigh(s)
Lawalima nc: nanthi trousers, shorts (lit. thighs-having)
Lawami nc: kudu wallaby
Le to be happy, to be happy with
Le ngana 'I'm happy' le ngempa 'I'm happy for you(sg)'
LELE to bite
Ku were Kanh-Ka banhilele mukun 'this dog might bite you(sg)'
'bangangmileele 'he bit my foot'
Lelelunh adj. beautiful, lovely
Lenhen nc: kudu leach
LET to stick (trans.)
Maelenu 'I'll stick it' maeletnu 'I'll stick them'
LET to stick (intrans.)
Meminthaleet 'be mingaleet' 'they (two objects) are stuck together'
Letalman adj. sticky
LILI to walk
Ngurrulilinu 'I'll walk' ngurrallilili 'I'm walking'
Ngunungalilili ngem 'I'm walking'
LILI to fear what another might do
Bangampunilili dim 'they are afraid' banganggilili[ninth] 'I'm afraid of what he might do to me'
Lintha nc: nanthi vine (spec.) nc: mi fruit/berry from nanthi lintha
Linlin nc: kudu fish (spec.) - f/w
Lirrikhirrik nc: nanthi (palyirr) sandstone
Lirruw nc: nanthi sore(s)
Lithanpanhene nc: nanthi tree (spec.) - with small red flowers
Lithpurr nc: nanthi axe, steel
Lithpurr malay nc: nanthi axe, stone - (axe heads were mainly obtained from da Kunyep)
Lithpurr thilmit nc: nanthi tomahawk
Lithpurr walympa nc: nanthi tomahawk
Luk nc: kudu soldier crab
Lukdarri to chuckle to oneself when thinking about previous funny event
Ngemlukdarri 'I chuckled to myself'
Lumpu nc: nanthi buttocks (incl. rear of boat, etc.)
Lumewu to baptize (lit. to wet ones forehead, from LU for 'forehead' and MWEU 'to wet')
Nganannlumewunu 'I will baptize you(pl)' daluwemu 'he baptized him'
Rlart to bite to take all to strip bare
Banhamlarartnu 'he will bite your(sg) hand' or 'he will take all from you(sg)'
Ku nyrmirr bangamlarlart wurran 'he always takes all the fish'
RLLE to frighten/scare another
Ngurduamarlenu 'I'll frighten him' wurdanngarle 'he frightened me'
RLERR to join together
Ngamlerrnu 'I'll join it together' ngamlerr 'I joined it together'
RLIRR to crunch with teeth (e.g. ice) to grind teeth
Mi ngalirnnnu 'I'll crunch the food' dimu damlirr kanan 'he continually grinds his teeth'
RLUK to chew
Ngurluknu 'I'll chew' mi thayu damluk wurran 'he chews tobacco'
RLUNG to be cold
Pangirlungnu 'I'll be cold' damgirrlung dim 'I'm cold'
RLUY to turn, to change direction to steer
marluynu 'I'll change direction' nanthi thanantu marluruy wurrarn 'he continually turns/stears the boat'

MARDABI to meet
bamardabinu 'I will meet him' bangamardabu 'I met him'

MARDAROE to know another's thoughts (mind)
dammaranderenru (you(sg)) will continually know
their(pl) thoughts' mukmuk bangamardarde ngem 'I know his thoughts'

MARDAROU to be puffed out, to be out of breath
buymardardu nuku 'I might get puffed out' bammaraduradu ngem 'I am puffed out'

MARDAKAT to be angry
ningammarakat dim 'I'm angry'

MARDALE to rejoice (from news, etc)
damgarimardale murrinh thangunu 'I rejoiced from the news'

MARDAHIL to sway
nanthi thay bangmarda all pirrim 'the tree is swaying (in the wind)' bumardahilu 'I will sway'

MARDARK to plough, to grade - with instrument, either dirt or water (i.e. boat)
ngamardaru 'I'll plough the ground' nanthi thanantu dammardari wurrarn 'the boat is ploughing through the water'

MARDARKART to be angry (lit. to be bitten in the belly)
bangamgarimardakarti dim 'I'm angry'

MARDAMARDA to wait for
ngimamaradardanu 'I'll wait for you' ngemmaradarda 'I am waiting'

MARDAN to be satisfied
bangammaradanu 'I'll be satisfied' bangammaradanti dim 'they are satisfied'

MARDANGA to ask
bangmaradanyu 'I'll ask you' ngemmaradanda 'I am asking'

MARDANGA to request
ngummaradanyu 'can I request you?' panmaradu 'I requested you'

MARDAHIL to rejoice
ngummaradu 'I will rejoice' ngammaradu 'I rejoiced'

MARDAHIL to rejoice
ngummaradu 'I will rejoice for him' ngammaradu 'I rejoiced for him'

MARDAHAY to be disappointed with something to be disillusioned
panngimarday dim 'I'm disillusioned'

MARDARR to save up, to hoard
benmararru 'I will save' nanthi bemmararngan 'I save things'
MARDAT to amaze another (trans.)
manhinardatnu: 'I'll amaze you' mambardat: 'I amazed him'

MARDAT to be amazed (intrans.) to marvel
i kardu ngamere-ka punemmbardat ku ngurmiri nhini-nu-yu 'and the few men were amazed at all those fish'

MARDAT to wash ashore
bunimardatu: 'he'll be washed ashore' bannmardat: 'he was washed ashore'

MARDATAT to be opposite to face
pitthinitharnadatatu: 'they(du m) will face/oppose each other'

MARDATAT to be upset, to be troubled
bangimardatamu: 'I'll be upset' bangammbardat dim 'he is upset'

MARDAWAL to move right through the middle (of place, people) to tell another off to repro
ngurnumardawalu: 'I will move/go straight through the middle' ngunungummanardawal 'I told him off'

MARDAYARRARR to have hunger pains
mangimardayarrarrnu: 'I will have hunger pains'
mannimardayarrarrdim 'I have hunger pains'

marda yidi: nc: nanthi chest

MARDI to marry (lit. to put a finger into [a ring])
buyninthamardiinu: 'those 2 will marry' banninthamardi 'those 2 married'

mardinpunku: nc: ku wedge shell (spec.) (salt-water, and spiky exterior)

magarn: nc: mi water lily (spec.)

magulkui: nc: nanthi heart
mak: nc: nanthi message stick (short only, these were not read, but a story was illustrated on it with different colours and used as reminder to tell to the recipient), birth mark

makarduma: nc: kardu single man, unmarried man - sometimes used for widower

MAKUT to collect from another
ku money dininimatkhuttha 'he was collecting money from them(pl)' nganamanakut 'I collected them from him'

malarnarn: nc: ku horn-eyed ghost crab

malarnpakpak: nc: da season - new leaves appear

malarnntath: nc: thu thunder and lightning nc: ku praying mantis

malarnturntuma: nc: nanthi crab legs
malangan: nc: ku sooty gruntar (fish) nc: ku black stinger
malaranu: nc: nanthi fruit tree (spec.) nc: mi fruit, edible, from nanthi thigh malangan

malawurruc: nantni fin/spike, of a fish

malaga: nc: ku wattle, small (spec.)

makimarrin: nc: nanthi vein tendon

malye: nc: ku sand goanna

MARLIP to fill up with people (only)
Kardu wurrangat weyida menamarlispita wurrini da-yu 'many people had filled up the place instead'

murluk: nc: nanthi didgeridoo

manadhaitert: nc: nanthi, mi, ku, (etc) left-overs

mamangalin: nc: da season - end of the wet season, rain and wind come from the east, south-east

MAWATH lightninng flash
pimanaanthu: 'the lightninng will flash' dimngamamath 'the lightning flashed at me' dimngarramamath 'the picture (movie) flashed at us (excl.)' - (we saw the picture)

MAWATH to flash (trans.) - (used of operating a projector)
manamathnu: 'I will flash it' (operate the projector) mambamath 'I flashed it' (operated the projector)

MAWATHA to rectify
manawathathu: 'I will rectify it' ngay-dha ngatha-ka menawathadha-wa 'if it had of been me I would have rectified it'

manay: nc: kardu child, young

maninanh: nc: nanthi sap, red

maninmanga: nc: ku black cormornt

mampurrkin: nc: nanthi dance, womens'

manurt: nc: nanthi Morinda Citifolia (tree spec.) nc: mi fruit, edible, from Morinda Citifolia

manangka: not (negative word)

manangka thippman: 'not black'

manangkaningi: nc: kardu baby girl

manangkay: nc: ku surf crab

mampi (modal word) - with a trying aspect
bangkardu mampi: 'I'll have a look'

mamman: nc: ku butterfly nc: nanthi butterfly tree

nc: mi fruit from butterfly tree
MATHAK to have with one (things, animals, people)
nanthi pungimathaknu 'I will have things with me' Ku were
panngimathak 'I had a dog with me'
matharr nc: nanthi sickness, illness
matharr pimut: nc: nanthi fever
MATHATH to carry stretcher, etc.
manmathathnu tharra 'I'll carry it' memmathath ngurran 'I'm
 carrying it'
-mawu suff. to abide, to reside
Darwinmawu 'one who resides in Darwin' Kangkarlwatu 'The One
who abides above'
mawuk nc: nanthi out of tune (in Aboriginal singing)
MAHEPUP to hear for another
bimmanayepup 'I heard for him'
mayethalanthay = mangkathalanthay nc: nanthi gomphrena (bush
with red flower)
mayewath nc: nanthi fern (spec.)
mayeyep nc: nanthi thorny bush (spec.)
maxi nc: Ku [or Kardu] murderer
maxirdarri nc: ku [or Kardu] murderess - actually refers to
a woman who by her interaction with several men causes
jealousy, and thereby they kill each other off for that
woman
maxiyin nc: Ku dragon-fly
me nc: nanthi foot/feet track
medeyi non-conjugated verb to be hungry
medeyi ngem 'I'm hungry' (lit. I'm sitting with hunger)
MEKAT to trip, to stumble (from log, rock, etc.)
bangamgimekat 'I tripped/stumbled' bengimerrarradhath tharra
'I was continually tripping'
MEKAT to take all
angukatnu 'I'll take everything' Ku ngurimiri panngarr
wurran 'he always takes all the fish (i.e. always catches
all the fish'
melk nc: nanthi gum, black, from root of ironwood tree (thay
menek)
melkmelkthay nc: Ku royal/yellow billed spoonbill
meri nc: Ku sandfly
MERLHERL to be exhausted
mangimirmeri dim 'I'm exhausted'
mininhma nc: Ku sacred Kingfisher

MINMINK to blink one's eye(s)
ngimmimminkanu 'I'll blink' ngemmimminka 'I blinked'

minthirminthik nc: nanthi body hair, very fine (e.g. on face)

minthingupu nc: ku Glabra mitre shell

mirrka nc: nanthi clapping sticks fire sticks (for making a fire, by rubbing together)

mirtal nc: nanthi want or mole nc: nanthi bubbles
nc: ku purple shell nc: mi yam, bitter (spec.)

mira nc: ku lice eggs

mirarr nc: nanthi handle of an implement

mirrangan nc: da season - dry/cold

mirringi nc: Kardu (wakai) baby girl

mirrka nc: kura season - a dry 'wet season'

mirrmininthi nc: ku flock pigeon

MIRMMIRRR thunder rumbling

dimmirrr'r the thunder is rumbling' dininirr mirdha 'the thunder was rumbling'

mirrminrirram adj. thick (blanket, etc.)

MIT to keep something for oneself (non-sharing)
nanthi ngirramitnu 'I will keep the thing for myself' nanthi
ngirrangamit ngem 'I'm keeping the thing for myself'

mitmit n. a gathering of people

mirturl nc: kura brackish water

miyernu nc: nanthi tail (incl. tail of plane, etc.)

mu nc: ku red-fingered marsh crab

muradak nc: nanthi grevillea

mugarrur nc: mi water lily (spec.)
mukmuk nc: nanthi brains

mulunthuk nc: nanthi coolibah tree

murl nc: ku fly, common

murulak adj. dangerous nasty cheeky
kura murulak 'alcohol' ku pangkuy murulak 'dangerous snake'
kardu murulak 'nasty person'

mururl nc: nanthi egg mass on a crab

nunmun or mu'mun nc: ku water rat

mu ne nc: da (place name)

munne nc: ku stingray (spec.)
murn nc: mi root, round (spec.) found in sandy areas near
the ocean

murntak adj. old
nanthi murntak 'old thing' da murntak or da murntak warra
'old time' i.e. long ago, before, etc.

murntuvkuy nc: ku bustard

munnu nc: ku snake (generic) nc: nanthi bone

munhpunh nc: ku flathead (fish)
mup shortened verb form to sit down

munuri adj. bony skinny, lean

murr nc: mi water lily (spec.)
murrikin nc: kardu a quiet person (i.e. doesn't talk much)
murinm (negative = manangka murinm) noun class speech
language name(s) places associated with talking or
learning non-Aboriginal songs stories, legends news
murnin mamay 'children's talk' murin murlthererrdh 'news'
murnin school 'school'
murrrrr nc: nanthi feather(s) nc: ku ornament worn in
hair for dancing (made from feathers)
murrinrbe or murrurbe nc: ku bird (generic) -
(lit. feather-arm)

MURRK to eat (more than one thing, or habitually)
ku ngurln irl murrrk 'he habitually eats fish'

MURRL to dance, women only
pirramurrknu 'she will dance' pardinurrktha 'they(pl) were
dancing'
murrurlur adj. correct, choice pleasant

MURRURL to beautify
mamurrurlur 'I'll beautify it' mardarrmurrurlur nu 'I'll
beautify the top/back of it'
murrurlurrlhay nc: kardu story-teller, good (lit. beautiful
mouth)

mutiti nc: nanthi buttocks, area above

muth nc: nanthi tobacco plant (native)
muthay nc: nanthi basket made from nanthi tharrthi or parnu
kurturtu

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nakur̓ or nakur̓lu adv. later after
nal nc: ku osprey
namarr̓ nc: thu fighting club, small - used by men & women
nanki pronoun you - second person plural you - second person paucal sibling
nanku pronoun you - second person dual sibling
nankuneme pronoun you - second person paucal male
nankuninthę pronoun you - second person dual male
nankungime pronoun you - second person paucal female or mixed group of male & female
nankunginthę pronoun you - second person dual female or male and female
nany̓a nc: ku murex shell (spec.)
nangka? or nangka-yu? interrogative who?
nangka? kardu pana-ru? ‘who is that person?’
nangka nu? interrogative who for? who do you want?
NANGKAY to walk stiff legged because of heavy objects on feet (also used for a vehicle with oversize wheels)
bunangkaynu ngurru ‘I will walk stiff-legged’ banangkay ngurran ‘I’m walking stiff-legged’
neki pronoun we - first person dual inclusive - male, female or sibling we - first person plural
nekineme pronoun we - first person inclusive paucal male
nekingeime pronoun we - first person inclusive paucal female or mixed group of male & female
net nc: nanthi a boil
netpi nc: ku frilled-neck lizard
nigunun̓ pronoun she her, hers - third person singular female
nimin (superlative)
ku ngurirĩri tererit nimin-ya ‘a real lot of fish’ ngarra nimin? ‘which one’ nukunu nimin ‘really him’
nimangart nc: ku giant mitre shell
nimtihal nc: nanthi semen
ninu nc: ku buffalo
ninjikin nc: ku northern bandy-bandy
ninthi nc: ku Gould’s fruit bat
ninthi ncu da dream
nimkalingka n. a favour (to do something, or go somewhere for another)
imkalingka n. jealousy
ninthi nc: nanthi; arm
ninthi kari ncu: nanthi arm, lower
ninthi Kureng nc: nanthi elbow
ninthu nc: nanthi, da or kura branch or tree tributary of river side track
ninthingen ngala nc: nanthi arm muscle
ninthi pepe nc: nanthi arm, upper
niyenye nc: kardu a promise, i.e. one promised in marriage
niyit nc: ku blue swimming crab
NITHIK to be stuck, to be thwarted to stultify oneself
menthik nu ‘I’ll be stuck’ menthik kanam, ‘he doesn’t know what he’s doing’
nukunu pronoun he him, his - third person singular male
nuth nc: ku water python (freshwater)
NHAM to fear
ngenhamnu ‘I’ll be afraid’ ngenham ngurran ‘I’m continually afraid’ ngenhím anham ngem ‘I’m afraid of (from) you(sg)’
Nhirdenhirdek nc: kura rain, consistent steady
nhinnhinpe nc: ku painted sweet-lip (fish)
nhinhî pronoun you your - second person singular
ngakumani nc: ku totem
ngala adj. big, large, 32, 195 important
NGALHA to make large
mangalani ‘I’ll make it large’ mangala ‘I made it large’
NGALHA to make oneself big, important (reflex.)
mangalani ‘I’ll make myself important’ neminali ngala ‘I made myself important’
ngaiada mara adj. wide
ngaiarnarn nc: nanthi rib(s) nc: ku fish (generic)
ngalburnu nc: da island (i.e. completely surrounded by water)
ngalburnurdarr i ne: da promontory island, still joined to mainland by sand (although could appear to be an island at high tide)

ngalek nc: Ku mosquito, white
ngalila nc: kura hailstone(s)
ngaliwe adj. short
ngaliwe-ri adj. short, very
ngaliyimukurr nc: Ku snake (spec.)
ngalmungkirit c: Ku pied goose
ngalti n. or adj. narrow close
ngalti-ngalti 'very narrow'
ngaliwe-r i adj. short, very

ngalikku ne: ku snake (spec.)
ngalmungkirit c: Ku pied goose
ngalti n. or adj. narrow close
ngalti-ngalti 'very narrow'
ngaliwe-r i adj. short, very

ngalule nc: ku wallaby, small

NGAHRL to bark (dog)
ku were pirrangar l nu 'the dog will bark (once)'

ngarlkurl ne: nanthi tree (spec.) nc: ku fruit, edible, from nanthi ngarlkurl

ngarlkurl nc: ku two-lined dragon
nganama nc: Kardu hair lip, person with
ngamenh nc: ku sand mullet
ngamengka adj. foreign
ngamere n. or adj. few (in number)

nganaka maybe, perhaps
nganaka? interrogative well? you know?
kardu pana nganaka? 'that man, you know?'

nganki pronoun we - first person plural we - first person paucal sibling
nganke- pronoun we - first person dual sibling
ngankimeme pronoun we - person paucal male
ngankuninth a pronoun we - first person exclusive dual male
ngankungime pronoun we - first person exclusive paucal female or mixed group of male & female
ngankungininth a pronoun we - first person exclusive dual female or male and female
nganga nc: ku frog, big green

ngangka demonstrative there, back there
ngangka wangu 'back that way' pana ngangka-re 'everywhere'
kale ngangka 'mother is back there (i.e. your mother wants you)'

ngapa nc: nanthi shoulders - area around neck where children sit
ngapapa nc: ku sugar glider
ngapkapti nc: ku darter nc: ku kidney fat man (term sometimes used)
ngapuru lu nc: nanthi breast (male or female) milk from breast
ngapuru thimu nc: nanthi nipple of breast
ngarakgarak nc: murrinh whisper
NGARANGARAK to whisper
ngarakgaraku 'I'll whisper' diningangarakgaraktha 'he was whispering to me'

ngarim nc: ku bee, long (spec.)

ngarra relative pronoun who
kardu pana ngarra yibimpu 'that person who died'

ngarra preposition at in on to by
nanthi thanamut ngarra nukunu 'give the thing to him'

ngarra? interrogative where? what (sometimes used instead of thangku)
ngarra wangu thurran 'where are you(sg) going?' ngarra mam 'what did he say/do?'

ngarra nimin? interrogative which one?
nanthi ngarra nimin le than any 'which thing do you like?'

ngarra-re? interrogative how?
ngarra-re nampatha nanthi pana-yu? 'how did you(sg) make that thing?'

ngarra-wa diki? interrogative how far
ngarra-wa dini Kulthil-yu 'how far to Kulthil?'

ngarriye ye nc: ku western native cat

NGATH to hide an object
nanthi ngurdungathnu 'I'll hide the thing' nanthi ngurdungathkathnu 'I'll hide the things' wurdanpunngathkath 'she hid them(pl)'

NGATH to hide oneself (reflex.)
ngurdungathnu 'I will hide myself' ngurdungath 'I hid myself' purdingathkathmene 'we(incl. pc m) will hide ourselves'

ngathparr adj. distant far
da ngathparr da ngatha 'still a long way'
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ngathparr non-conjugated verb move away keep clear
ngathparr 'move away'

ngawunh nc: nanthi wind gust

ngay pronoun 1 - first person singular me, mine

ngaye nc: kura current, strong

ngayer he nc: nanthi sinews - from kangaroo or wallaby's tail

ngex nc: ku little corella

ngenpay nc: ku commercial scallop shell

ngen nc: ku meat, from animals, fish, etc. nc: nanthi flesh, human

ngenenthay nc: ku water whistling duck

ngenu nc: ku shell (e.g. turtle, when alive) nc: nanthi shell (e.g. turtle, when dead)

ngenpu nc: ku rock wallaby

NGENG to talk, to speak (also used for engine noise)
dimngeng 'he spoke (once)' dimngerren 'he's talking'

ngepan nc: ku spirit

ngepaniyye nc: ku evil spirit

ngere nc: ku oyster, small

ngerengere nc: nanthi panting (dog)

NGERENGERE to pant (dog)

ku were rib Temperature 'the dog is panting (lying)'

ngeren nc: murrinh speech

ngerru nc: nanthi scar, ornamental - given to young men before circumcision

ngerri-pangkithay/ngaljuve nc: nanthi scar on chest/belly (men only)

ngi nc: ku death/deaf adder nc: nanthi penis nc: kardu circumcision candidates - i.e. boys to be circumcised

ngi darrrip) nc: nanthi foreskin of penis

ngima nc: kardu circumcision doctor

ngimalmin nc: nanthi tree root

ngin (superlative)
pangkuy ngini 'the longest'

nginidirr nc: ku scaly-breasted lorikeet

NGINIKAT to look after, to take care of (people or oneself)
thirranungungungkatnu 'you(s)g) take care of yourself'
ngirrangangngikat 'I looked after him'

nginipunh nc: nanthi body nc: murrinh skin name

nginipunh ... mani n. like, similar

nginipunh kantu mani 'like this'

nginthirrin nc: nanthi sweat, perspiration

ngirnu nc: ku long-neck turtle (fresh water)

ngiplinu nc: kura or da river, creek

ngirrirrin adj. sharp, extremely - with thin edge

NGIRRK to growl (as of a dog)

ku were dinggangirrk 'the dog growled at me'

ngirrirrk nc: nanthi growling

ngirtit nc: nanthi breath

NGKA to gaze, to look on

kangkana mangkana 'I will gaze above manka 'I gazed'

NGKA to be ready to go or take off (only used of birds, animals, things)
tharunu nhini mengkada pirri da ngamenga-nu wangu 'that boat was standing ready to go to a foreign place'

NGKA to scrounge for scraps of food

mi ngangkanu 'I will scrounge for food' Ku wak danka wurrak 'the crow(s) continually scrounges for food'

NGKA to watch-over, to guard (to police someone)

ngirranganka 'I'll watch over it' ngirranganka 'I watched over it'

NGKA + BATH to wait for

bath mangkana 'I'll wait for' bath mamka ngem 'I'm waiting for'

NGKABANG to recede, (fresh or salt-water) until completely gone

kura pungungkabangnu 'the water will recede' kura yungankabang 'the water receded'

NGKABAT to be surprised

bengkabatnu 'I'll be surprised' bengkatbat ngurran 'I'm continually surprised'

NGKABATH to aim spear at

mire thaningkabath nukun 'don't aim at me' thanul ku mendi dankabath pirrim 'he's aiming the spear at the turtle'

NGKABATH to aim gun at

thungku gun ngengkabathnu 'I'll aim the gun' ngemkabath 'I aimed the gun'

murrinh
ngerren ngala

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ngulpi nc: ku Burdekin duck
ngului nc: nanthi or mi flower (any sort)
ngulyuyguy nc: ku echidna
ngulyengthe or the ngulyeng non-conjugated verb to turn a deaf ear
kardu ngulyengpunthe ‘they(pl) turned a deaf ear’
ngulyi nc: ku school shark
ngurlmirl nc: ku fish (generic)
ngunima nc: ku butterfish
ngunltinh nc: nanthi ~ave(s) of the sea nc: mi flower, wild (spec.)
ngunhpalin black whip snake
ngunga nc: nanthi sun
ngunga pelpith nc: da midday (lit. sun [above] head)
guralng nc: nanthi lucky stones from river bed nc: kura rain from lucky stones
ngurradhath nc: kardu trouble-maker, provoker
NGURRKURRK to lie (often implying sleep) yungurrkurrktha ‘he was lying’
gurrenu nc: ku grub (generic) nc: ku cicada bird or triller
ngurrngwari n. sleep ngurrngwari yungurrkurrktha ‘he was lying asleep’
gurruru nc: nanthi side of body nc: da side of anything
NGURRU to provoke damingurruru ‘he provoked me’ damingurruradath wurran ‘he continually provokes me’
NGURRUWERR to peek, to peep danininthangkurruwerrtha dini ‘they(du m) were peeking’ damingurrurwerr kanam ‘he continually peeks’
gurrryirr nc: kardu mother who has lost son or daughter
NGUTH to speak with a croaky voice (e.g. like first thing in the morning) ngurdunguthnu ‘I’ll speak with a croaky voice’ ngurdanguth ‘I spoke with a croaky voice’
guthngen adj. ordinary
PAK to put down (vertically) nanthi terer buwakpaknu ngurruru ‘I’ll put down many things’ banpak ‘I put it down’
PAK to paint up (normal usage, for ceremonies) kardu ngunpaknu ‘I’ll paint them(pl) up’ to paint (reflex) - (for ceremonies) nguruakpaknu ‘I’ll paint myself’
pakpak nc: nanthi painting instrument (paintbrush)
paku nc: thu ‘fighting stick, womens’ (made only from ‘stringybark tree’) palathi nc: nanthi billy goat plum tree nc: mi fruit from billy goat plum tree
palla nc: ku false trumpet shell
palungun nc: kardu woman, usually married and young (age-grade) ~ is also used as the general term to denote female
palungun keke nc: kardu woman, middle-aged (age-grade)
palyyrr nc: nanthi stone, rock nc: da hill, mountain
palyyrr thepaiwai nc: nanthi stony country, flat (creek bed, etc.)
parl nc: nanthi pus
PARL to fall on one’s nose (intrans.) kaniyiparlnukun ‘he might fall on his nose’ kananthiath kanam ‘he continually falls on his nose’
PARL to fall on one’s nose (trans.) bunhiyiparlnu ‘I’ll cause you(sg) to fall on your nose’ banthiparln ‘he caused him to fall on his nose’
parlakmemnu nc: ku reptile (generic) (lit. animal that crawls on its stomach)
pami nc: ku trevally, Snall
pama demonstrative there (mid-distance) that pana-re nc: da everywhere da pana-re or da pana ngangka-re ‘everywhere’ pana-re adv. by that (mid-distant) way panngularmandha nc: da mangrove/jungle area then cleared area, and so on
parmpipi nc: ku mullet (spec.) ~ small, freshwater parnta nc: nanthi groin prongs, in a fish spear e.g. thamu mul wire parnta perrkenkuneme is a three thronged fish spear
parnti nc: ku black spotted stingray
parntuertparn adj. light (in weight)
parnturtparn nc: nanthi lung(s)
parnu nc: nanthi grass (generic) nc: Ku Richard’s Pitpit (bird)
pangkima nc: Ku bee (spec.)
pangkin nc: nanthi back nc: da land, top of mainland mayern pangkin wangu ‘overland road’
pangkiri nc: Ku auger/pencil shell
pangkuy nc: Ku snake (generic)
pangkuy adj.: long tail
pangu demonstrative there (long distance) that
pangu-re by that (long distant) way
PAP to go early before sunrise
ngurrupunnu ‘I’ll go early’ ngarrimpawap ‘I habitually go early’
PARRANG to numb by injection
ngannimparrangnu ‘I’ll numb your hand’
PARRANG to numb by stone or spear
bangampparrang ‘I made him numb’
PARRANG to numb by using a stick
ngunhimeparrangnu ‘I’ll numb your foot’
parrangparrangnam adj.: numb
parrum nc: Ku long-tailed tuna
PART to leave
nganimpaparthu ‘I’ll leave it for you (sg)’ nanthi pana Kanampirr wurran ‘he continually leaves that thing’
patha adj.: good
PEK to burn by fire
nginpakeku ‘I’ll burn it’ nginangampex ‘I burned it’
PEK to burn (intrans.)
dempex ‘it’s burnt’
pekpek adj.: smooth, easy well-groomed (or hair)
mange pepek ‘an easy way’ pemarr pepek ‘well-groomed/combed hair’ kanuru pepek wanda kananginthna ‘those 2 are living smoothly now (no problems, etc.)
pekurrkrenc: murrinh will/bequest, written or spoken
peienangka nc: Ku kidney fat, from animals
peilia nc: Ku spiny-tailed goanna
peimuungku nc: Ku mangrove worm (spec.) (not edible)
peilirth nc: nanthi head (incl. axe head, snorel head, etc.)
peilirth patha adj.: sensitive, balanced (lit. good head)
peilirth pepe upside down (lit. head down/under)
peilirth wuye adj.: stupid, foolish
pemanhay nc: da sand hill
pemarr nc: nanthi hair, ot head nc: nanthi hair belt
pemarr pulu nc: nanthi grey hair
penema pronoun they - third person paucal male - also used as a vocative for nankunemene
penenthinang nc: Ku thresher shark
peninthna pronoun they - third person dual male - also used as a vocative for nankunintha
peningimina pronoun they - third person paucal female or mixed group of male & female - also used as a vocative for nankunimine
peninginthna pronoun they - third person dual female or male and female - also used as a vocative for nankuninthna
peneli nc: nanthi shoulder blade
pepe n. down under
perrewerthenth nc: da season - just before dry season, little rain, spear grass falls
perrkenku n. two
perrkenkuneme n. three
perrkenkuperrkenku (lit. two two) n. four
Deewerti burreburr nc: murrinh voice, very deep
peyenn adj.: common
pi nc: nanthi string, a rip, in sea or river
Pl to waste
mere thurupi nukun don’t you (sg) waste it! mi wurdanpi wurran ‘he continually wastes food’
pinda non-conjugated verb stop it! don’t!
pirdewirdkeman adj.: spongy, sticky (as of clay)
pirdi nc: Ku queenfish (skinny fish)
pirdirr nc: nanthi paperbark container, long (used for carrying mi laia)
pirdukpirduk nc: Ku straightened pardalote
ku yagurr
goanna

ku ngirnu
long-neck turtle

mi palathi
billy goat plum

mi kuruk
Lecanotus melanthesoides
ku nguluyguy
echidna

ku punhinthi
pied goose eggs

mi mangkamurr
wild black grape

ku nertpi
frilled-neck lizard
putthpu
tuthi: stubborn
putput
adj: pregnant (usually meaning latter stage when it is obvious)
putputthi
adj: stubborn
Kard putputthi 'stubborn person' Kard putputwunkyininthu 'two stubborn males' Kard putputwunthi 'many stubborn people'
putung
nc: nanthi knuckle joint (e.g. bamboo)
mange putung 'finger knuckle' putung-putung 'knuckles'
puthuth
nc: nanthi a broom
pawung
nc: ku yellow-bellied black snake
puygup
nc: ku electric ray
RATHTATH
to stretch an object
ngungurathathnu 'I will stretch it' ngungurathaththu 'I stretched it' to stretch oneself
ngungurathathnu 'I will stretch myself' ngungurathaththu 'I stretched myself'
RE
to sizzle (trans.) (when cooking, heat etc.)
ningga-rennu 'I will sizzle it' ngingga-rennu 'I'm sizzling it' to sizzle (intrans.)
ku 'nngen dernte pirrim 'the meat is sizzling'
REL
to sing (Aboriginal song)
ngimparenu 'I'll sing for you(sg) dirntel 'he sang'
REL
to chant a curse (sorcery) - (to 'sing' a person)
ngirrannhirenu 'I'll chant a curse on you(sg)' pungantel 'they(pl) chanted a curse'
RETHETH
to untie
ngur'dumhmererethnu 'I'll untie your foot (shoe)' ngurdantereth 'I untied it'
RETHETH
to sense one's presence to feel (sense)
mangirrareth nukunu thangunu 'I could sense him/sense his presence' mangirrareth 'I sensed it behind my back'
RET
to start to begin
nguretnu 'I'll start' pantet 'I started'
RETET
to boast
ngirraretnu 'I will boast' ngirrareptet 'I boasted'
ngirraretnu 'I will boast about myself'
RIKAT to circuit to go around to avoid, to bypass (danger, etc.)
barikatnu ' I will go around' bangarntikat - pantikat 'I went around' pantikat da numi-re warda 'he then went around by another way'

RILL to write to strike (as of matches)
ngarililnu 'I'll write' ngaritililngem 'I'm writing'

RINGENG to talk (trans.) - used also for playing guitar, making an engine go, etc.
nanthi guitar marntingeren wurran 'he continually plays (talks) the guitar'

RINGKAPURL moon rising, last quarter (around midnight)
puringkaripuru purru 'the moon will continually rise' pantingkaripuru wurran 'the moon continually rises'

RINSUNG to blow bubbles under water
kura bangurungunu 'I will blow bubbles in the water' kura bangurungyung 'I blew bubbles in the water'

RIPAK to catch up to another
baripaknu 'I will catch up to him' bangarntipak 'I caught up to him'

RIPARL to praise another
nganhiriparlunu 'I'll praise you(sg) parraniriparldha punnu 'they(pl) were continually praising him'

RIPARL to praise oneself
ngalinuiriplunu 'I'll praise myself'

RIPURL to be behind to be late (in time) [also means to wash another's buttocks]
maripurlu 'I'll be behind' marntipurlu 'I was behind'

RIPURL to wipe clean another's or one's own bottom
dilartipurlu 'she wiped clean his bottom' dilamnurlipurlu 'she wiped clean her own bottom'

RIRTU to puncture, (intrans.) to pierce, (intrans.)
pirirtanu 'it will puncture' dirntirta 'it punctured'

RIRTU to puncture, by hand to pierce, by hand
marirtanu 'I will puncture it' mariryerrknu 'I will puncture them' marntirta 'I punctured it'

RIRTU to puncture, by foot to pierce, by foot
ngunurtanu 'I will puncture it' ngunungartirna 'I punctured it'

RIRTURT to light/ignite dry grass, leaves, etc.
ngarirturtu 'I'll light/ignite it' parrnu darturtu wurran 'he continually lights/ignites grass'

RIRTURT to ignite dry grass, leaves, paper, etc.
ngarirturtu 'I will ignite it' ngarnirturt 'I ignited it'

RITHARRAME to speed up an object (e.g. clapsticks, a child, etc.)
marntka nguritharrame 'I'll speed up the clapsticks' pantitharrame 'I caused it to speed up'

RIWAK to follow
ngariwakhnu 'I will follow him' ngarntiwak 'I followed him'

RIWU to count to admire to pinpoint, position where a person is
nguiruunu 'I'll count' pantitu 'I counted' pannariunu ngem 'I admire him'

RIYITH to explain
ngurdiriyithnu 'I will explain it' ngurdirntiyith 'I explained it'

RURUTH to chop/cut into stone, anthill, dirt hill, by hand
marnturuth 'I chopped with my hand'

RURUTH to chop/cut into stone, anthill, dirt hill, with axe or rock
pubanaweruruthuruthunu puru da pana ngarra putek pangku kuy 'they(pl) will chop the top (head) off those high dirt hills'

RURUTH to cut into stone, anthill, dirt hill, by firing bullets from a gun
nguraruthnu 'I'll fire the gun into it'

RURUTH to chop/cut into stone, anthill, dirt hill, with a stick
nanthi bururr panturuth 'I cut into the anthill'

RURR to pull
ngururruarnu ngurrnu 'I'll continually pull' ngunganturr 'I pulled it'

RURR to pull (reflex.)
nguninunruarnu 'I'll pull myself'

RURT to shove
wurdanturturt wurran 'he continually shows him'

RURT to shove (reflex.)
kardu puddanururturthunu punnu 'the people were shoving each other'

RURTURT to grow (trans.)
mi dhepdep ngurdururturtu ngurrnu 'I'll continually grow food'

RURTURT to grow (intrans.)
ngurdururturtu ngurrnu 'I'm growing up' ngurduranururtu ngurrnu 'I was growing up'

RUTH to throw a fishing net
maruthu 'I'll throw in the net' mangantuthu 'I threw in the net' ngardiretuthutha 'I was continually throwing in the net'
to move away
thirrarrurr wangu 'move back (standing) one step'
thirrarrurrurr katnu 'move forward (standing) a few steps'
pirrirurr 'he moved'

RRUURR to move an object
nathi pana tharrurr pangu wangu 'you(sg) move that thing over there'

taptap n. thump
tarangka adj. clear, pure intelligible clean free

terert adj. many
tibaytibay n. adultery
tiduk adv. behind late

tiduk katnu ngurruru 'I'll come from behind' tiduk wanda

pangartuy 'he arrived too late'
tindul nc: kardu baby boy

tidharlitdharianman adj. smooth slippery
tiguluk n. tickle
tikume n. corner

tiliman nc: ku spear grass (spec.)

tiripuri nc: nathi cleaning object for one's own, or another's bottom (e.g. toilet paper)
timanthi nc: ku black-breasted kite
tina nc: nathi sun (from the English word dinner, i.e. dinner time when the sun is over head)
tinay - tinangkala nc: kardu last born child
tiparit n. praise
tipariti nc: murrinh praise words
tirimku nc: ku grub, white (found underground)
tiriwn n. ku bee, yellow (spec.)
tinmut nc: mi left-over food nc: ku left-over meat
tiwangku nc: ku wedge-tailed eagle a moiety group
tukiriki n. and adj. warm
tumtum adj. dry
tumtum nc: ku egg

RTA to catch, to catch/take a photo
picture manhintanu 'I'll catch you/take your photo' manganta
'he caught him' nanthi kanangawart 'he continually catches it'

RTAK to burn an object and cause a good or bad odour, by putting it on the fire
nginartanu 'I will burn it' nginanganrak 'I burnt it'

RTAK to burn causing good or bad odour (reflex.)
thungku pertanu 'the fire will burn' thungku derntak pirrim
'the fire is burning'

RTERT to stroke lightly with hand (include IBP)
manngidharmert 'he stroked my leg' mamgimert 'he stroked my foot'

RTURT to advance salt-water (incoming tide)
lairingkin parturtnu 'the sea will advance (tide come in)'
lairingkin darrnturrt pirrim 'the sea continually advances (tide continually comes in)'

thana nc: mi potato, bush (spec.)

THA to chase
manhithanu 'I will chase you(sg)' manganta 'I chased him'

THA to fight with spears
pumethanu 'we(incl) will fight' pumenta 'they(pl) fought'

thade nc: nanthi saliva

thardak nc: ku silver-crowned friar bird

thagari nc: murrinh raspy voice

thakthakmam adj. wet

thakunh adj. left
'mange thakunh 'left hand' thakumngima 'I'm left handed'

thakunhte adv. by way of the right

thaliag n. ku crested hawk

thalam nc: mi yam (spec.)

thalangthay nc: mi water lily (spec.)

thali nc: ku Kelp shell

thakkarra nc: nanthi spike rush

thaimangnang nc: ku grasshopper (spec.) small with coloured spots

thapurruthay adj. powdery, dry

thaliwahnc: ku skink

thaliwanga nc: da sand ridge
thatpi n. fill up (as of bottle, billycan, etc.)
nanthi thatpi warda 'the thing is full now'

thatpi nc: nanthi mouth, opening lips nc: murrinh talk, words
murrinh thatpi ngarra ngay thangunu 'words from me/my words'

thatpinn adj. true, correct
murrinh thatpinn 'true words'

thatpi were. nc: nanthi moustache

thatpi yuthpan nc: nanthi chin

thawath adj. or adv. careful slow

THAWATHMAN to creep up slowly
ngunuthawathmanna 'I'll creep up slowly'
ngununganthawatman 'I'm creeping up slowly'

thawuy nc: mi tobacco, chewing

thay nc: nanthi tree (generic)

thay + BAKARDU nc: Kardu demon possessed person [Note: the voc. BAKARDU is obligatory]
kardu thay banskardu 'demon possessed person' Kardu thay pubakardu 'demon possessed people (pl)'

thaykunudhay adj. mouth, big and ugly - like a pig

thaykurta nc: Kardu brother, term used to refer to one's deceased brother sister, term used to refer to one's deceased sister

the nc: nanthi ear

THEK to excrete
ngitheknu 'I will excrete' ngenthek 'I excreted'

thelerdhe nc: murrinh news, information, announcement

thelererr nc: nanthi a carry all - made from paperbark, used for carrying water, food, honey

THEL to swear
ngaantheknku 'I will swear at you (you) nganthek 'I swore'

theiput nc: nanthi house, building

theiput we nc: nanthi house, from paperbark

theithel nc: ku bird, small (generic)

theirlung nc: ku common rock rat

themalurn adj. leafy, very shady, very

themem nc: nanthi tongue

thempi n. full up (as of bottle, billycan, etc.)
nanthi thempi warda 'the thing is full now'

theniing nc: nanthi pubic covering, female - made from possum fur

thernirn nc: da gravelly country

THENH to recognise
ngirratuthenmu 'I'll recognise it' dirranganngidhaw yenrthenh warran 'he continually recognises my voice(mouth)'

the pangaye nc: nanthi ear wax

therretherren nc: da (palyirr) mountain

therr nc: ku tritone or abalone shell nc: da season - latter part of dry season, with winds coming from ocean nc: kura rain from the ocean

theth nc: ku bush tail possum

theyengarri nc: Kardu a scout

THI to cook
Ku ngan nginathathnu 'I'll cook the meat for you (sg) nginangathi 'I cooked it'

thigalarn nc: nanthi whirlwind

thigath nc: nanthi urine

thilimpirrith nc: ku willie magtail

thilthil nc: mi water lily (spec.) - (red)

thimerri nc: ku jabiru

thiminkit nc: nanthi kidney(s)

thimu nc: nanthi nose - (incl. nose of boat, nose of plane, etc.)

thinuthinuth nc: ku yellow-faced whip snake

thinang nc: da promontory, projection of land

thininh nc: ku bat, small (spec.)

thinmei nc: ku tern

thingel nc: ku many angled latirus band shell

thingmanthay nc: nanthi whiskers (human)

thingthingnun adj. hairy

thingurduk nc: nanthi bamboo, small nc: ku blind snake

thingurungurru nc: ku sand crab
THIRDTHY to swallow
dinthurduth 'he swallowed it' lalingkin
Kardithurduthurduththa 'he was continually swallowing
salt-water'
thugurlguri nc: ku wallaby, rock
THUK to look for, to search for
ngunungamathathk ngurran 'I looking for him' ngununganathuk 'I
looked for'
THUK to hit animals (only) to kill animals (only)
nguthuku 'I will hit / kill it' panthuk 'I hit / killed it'
THUK to fight, by hand or fighting sticks
puythnk 'we (du incl) will fight' panminthathk wanda
'those 2 men were fighting then'
THUK to send an object (trans.)
ngurdithun 'I will send it' ngurdanthuk 'I sent it'
THUK to send oneself (intrans.)
ngurdithun 'I will send myself' ngurdanthuk 'I sent
myself'
thukthuk nc: murrinh a message
thulith nc: ku crayfish
thunau nc: nanthi nape of neck
thunpith nc: nanthi spear-thrower for large spears
thurnun nc: ku stone fish
thungku adj. ripe cooked
mi thungku 'ripe fruit' ku thungku 'cooked meat'
thungku (negative = mauthungku) noun class fire firearms
electricity
thungku len 'hot coals' thungku thay 'fire wood' thungku gun
'gun / rifle' mauthungku 'no fire, etc.'
thungku lirriwi nc: nanthi wound (from bullet)
thungunginnc: ku giant threadfin salmon
thurpuk nc: nanthi splash sound in water
thurrudirr nc: ku black bream
THURULKTHAY to foam at the mouth
Kanamthurrulkthay 'he's foaming at the mouth'
Kardithurrulklkthayha 'he was foaming at the mouth'
thut nc: nanthi spear-thrower for light spears nc: ku
grey goshawk nc: nanthi kapok tree
THUT to descend with an object (trans.)
ngathunu 'I will descend with it' nganthinthutthuthuthuth
ngarrim 'I continually descend with it'
THUT to descend with an object (trans.)
ngurduthutnu 'I will descend with it' ngurdu thanthut 'I descended with it'

THUT to descend (intrans.) to go down
ngurdu thanthutnu 'I will descend' ngurdu thanthut 'I descended'
thuthutka adj. blunt edge or point

thuthutma adj. handleless (i.e. hand[s] cut off)
thuthutpe adj. headless

thuth nc: ku green bower bird
warda (modal word) - conveying meaning of progression in time or 'now'
ngurdiwunnu wanda 'and then I will return' mi wanda 'the food is ready now' (lit. food now)
wardam adj. useless
wardam nc: kardu nobody, nonentity
wardarra (warda warra) modal word already
nanthi damangamur wanda 'he's already given it to me'
wardi adj. thin, slim
wak nc: ku Torresian crow

WAK to lay an egg/eggs to give birth to a child (not normally used in public speech)
piwaknu it will lay an egg dimpi wak 'it laid many eggs'
wakal adj. small

wakal nc: kardu child (male or female)
wakal bingi nc: kardu child, small (male of female), toddler

wal nc: mi fruit from pandanus screw palm - [nanthi thangal]

WAL to be excited
mawal dim 'he's excited' le menwaidha di 'they(pl) were excited'

WAL to strike at (snake)
punawalnu 'it will strike him' yibimnaal 'it always strikes at him'

WAL to jump down (intrans.)
ngurduwalnu 'I will jump down' ngurdawal 'I jumped down'
puddalal 'they(pl) jumped down'

WAL to jump something down
ngurduwalnu 'I will jump it down' ngurdu nallal 'I jumped it down'

WAL to carry another straddled over one's shoulders
nganhillalnu ngurru 'I will continually carry you on my shoulders' ngan thannal 'I carried him on my shoulders'
WARNTA to split open (intrans.)

Kiwarnta nukun 'it might split open' wurrawarnntarta 'it continually splits open'

WARNTA to split open (trans.) (with a stone or axe)

Bawarnnta 'I'll split it open' bangarnnta 'I split it open'

WARNTA to split open (trans.) (by hitting down hard)

Bawarnnta 'I'll split it open' banparnta wurran 'he continually splits it open'

WARNTA to split open (trans.) (with a gun)

Ngawarnnta 'I'll split it open' ngamparnta 'I split it open'

WARNTA to split open (trans.) (with a stick)

Ngawarnnta 'I'll split it open' ngamparnta 'I split it open'

WARTNHARRK to tie on another's loin cloth

Manparntnharrkiri nku 'I will tie on their loin cloths'

Mamparntarrk 'I tied on his loin cloth'

WARTNHARRK to tie on one's own loin cloth (reflex.)

Mewarntharrkiku 'I will tie on my own loin cloths'

Memparntharrk 'I tied on my own loin cloth'

Wanpanh nc: nanthi womb

Wangu n. way

Kanhi wamku 'this way'

Wamipi nc: ku worm, two-headed

Warcurr nc: nanthi headband, woven

Warum nc: ku green tree snake (small)

Warra (modal word) - conveying first, or beginning, in time

Kurnparra warra ngurrinuru 'I'll go first in front' da murnak warra 'long time ago in the beginning'

Warragalpi nc: ku crocodile, salt-water, large

Warra ngadh (modal word) - conveying the meaning of first in time

Ngay warra ngadh (I'm first)

Warrgi nc: ku mangrove worm (spec.) - edible

Warra nc: nanthi menstrual bleeding

WAT to go (habitually, or a large group of people)

Pangu da ngarrwatu 'I habitually go there' pupparnawat 'they(pl) are going'

Watwam n. quiet peace

WATH to break one's own bone (reflex.) - (with one's hand)

Meinulwathnu 'I'll break my arm'

WATH to break a bone (with an instrument)

Babawathnu 'I'll break his arm' bangamhimbethu 'I broke your arm'

WATH to break one's own bone (reflex.) - (with an instrument)

Beminulwathnu 'I broke my arm'

WATH to singe (bird, wallaby, etc.)

Nginawathnu 'I'll sing it' nginangawathu 'I singed it'

WAHA to make, create, fashion to draw

Nanthi mamawathnu 'I'll make the thing for you (sg)' mamathu 'I made it'

WATH to create totem site

Ku ngarra thinininha ngangka yingampathu 'where the bat totem site was created over there'

WAHWAHAHAHAHAH to prepare

Mangewawathawathnu 'I will prepare it for her' mamathathu 'I prepared it'

WAHWAHAHAHAHAHA to prepare oneself (reflex.)

Meinulwathawathnu 'I'll prepare myself' meinulwathawathu 'I prepared myself'

Wawa nc: mi yam (spec.)

We nc: nanthi paperbark tree (spec.)

WEROI to bring shame upon to disgrace

Wurduangwiedi 'he shamed me' (from some action he did)

WEDUM to open up house of deceased ceremonially

Thepl puwerdumnu 'they(pl) will open the house up' thepl pupparndumnu 'they(pl) opened the house up'

WERDUY to be cross from another's actions

Ngampyadu 'I made him cross' dammiwadurdu wurran 'he continually makes me cross'

WERAL to roll up

Ngwekarlunu 'I'll roll it up' panpekarl 'I rolled it up'

WERAL to roll up, to curl up (reflex)

Nguyinulwekarlunu 'I will curl myself up' panpekarl 'he curled himself up'

WEPEK to leave tracks

Ngurriniewpethaka 'I was leaving my tracks' nanthi truck napekethuka dini 'the truck was leaving its tracks'

WERUK to bequeath, to will

Nanthi kanhi mampukurknu 'I'll bequeath this thing to for you' nanthi ngay mampukurk 'I bequeathed my things'

WEL to glide (as of a bird)

Mawelay 'it will glide' ku Munirrbe mampel kanam 'the bird is gliding'
werpen adj. flat
werpen n c: ku flat fish (generic)
wenat n c: nanthi coral, live
wemperl n c: thu fighting stick, men's (made only from ironwood tree)
wernte n c: nanthi coral, dead

WENKAWUY to be confused [Note: the body part we- (head) has been used here, being the most common form, however the following body parts can also be used, in each case slightly changing the shade of meaning; ye- (ear), dhawi-(mouth/speech), marda- (belly), rdarr- (back), me- (foot)]
pangiwengkawuy 'he confused me'
ngurdampengkawuy 'I'm confused' wurdanthawingKaywuy wurran 'his speech is always confusing'

WEPEK to comb hair (reflex.)
nguwepeknu 'I'll comb my hair' ngampepek 'I combed my hair'

WEPEK to comb hair (trans.)
ngunhiwepeknu 'I'll comb your(sg) hair' panpepek 'I combed his hair'

WEPITH to peel off stringy part of fanfern leaf
ngawepithnu 'I'll peel it' ngampepith 'I peeled it'

were n c: ku dog n c: nanthi thorny bush (spec.)
were pulangarr n c: ku dingo

WERR to be anxious (trans.) to not give opportunity, to not give one a chance
thamgawerr 'you(sg) didn't give me a chance' or 'you(sg) were too anxious towards me'
WERR to be anxious (intr.)
dewerr kanam 'he's always anxious' mere thewerr nukun 'don't you(sg) be anxious'

WERR to gather together
ngay murrinh-nu ngunperrnu 'I'll gather people together for a talk'

WERR to gather together (reflex.)
Kardu puyuwerrnu 'they(pl) will gather themselves together'
Kardu purrempeperr 'they(pl) gathered themselves together'

WERREPERR to shake to shiver with fear or cold
pirriwerrepperrra 'he was shaking' kanawerrepperr 'he continually shakes/shivers'

wererrepperr n c: nanthi shakes shivers jitters
wererrepperrang adj. dangerous
werrek n c: ku sulphur-crested cockatoo

WERRNGKA adv. quickly
mi ngulamath werrngka 'I ate the food quickly'

WERR ' werrngka n c: Kardu coward (usually regarding fighting)
Kardu werrngka 'he's a coward' Kardu werrwunka 'they(pl) are cowards'

WET to go over one's head
nanthi ngurntinh pangiwetutnu 'the waves will continually go over my head' dampet 'it went over his head'

WETUTH to roll (waves)
gurrntinh ngala ngala da matha bewerre ruththa tharra 'the big waves were just rolling along' nanthi ngurntinh bangapetuth 'the wave rolled'

WERT to creep silently
ngurnuwertnu 'I'll creep' ngunungampert 'I crept'

WERT to illustrate by story (sometimes in a hidden way, e.g. parable) to allude by story
murrinh dampert 'he told an illustrative story' murrinh dampumpert 'he alluded them(pl) by his speech'

WERTAL to recede, water
kura wilan warra ngadha kunuwertalnu 'first (wait) for the rushing water (non-tidal)

WERTIRT to delice one's hair
ngirraniwertiirtnu 'I'll delice your(sg) hair'
dirrangampertirt dim 'she's delicing his hair'

werbmarnti adj. greedy

WETH to be skilful
ngawethnu 'I'll be skilful' ngampeth ngurrnu 'I'm skilful'

WETHIN to worry
pangwethinu 'I will worry' dampethin dim 'he's worrying'

WEWAY to glide (as of a bird)
Ku pulupulu pumeweywaynu parni 'the fork-tailed kites will glide' mampeyway 'it glided'

WENU to wet, to moisten
ngawewunu 'I'll wet it' ngampewu 'I wet it'

weyi n c: da hole, large; n c: nanthi vagina
weyi palvrr n c: da cave

WIL to turn yellow
purduwilnu 'it will turn yellow' wurdannu 'it turned yellow'

wilili n. walk
wilimpa n c: ku ribbontail ray
wininthi n c: nanthi debris, floating in the water (sticks, leaves, etc.)
WIRNTAY to descend steeply to turn an object from vertical to horizontal position
ngawintigatu 'I'll descend steeply' ngampintigat 'I descended steeply'

WINHARRARR to persuade to seek
ku-nu wintharrarrnu 'I will persuade animals (hunt)' bangampinthurarrnu 'I persuaded'

WINTHARRARR to persue to seek
ku-nu bawinthewarrarrnu 'I will persue animals (hunt)' bangampinthurarrnu 'I persued'

WINTHAY to miss, with stone, short spear to miss seeing
bangamawinrntay 'I missed him'

WINTHAY to miss, with spear, giving a message
ngawirntaynu 'I will miss' ngampintay 'I missed'

WINTHAY to miss, with stick, giving a message
thay pannawahntay 'I missed (hitting) him with the stick'

WINHURT to be hungry, very to be breathless
ngungwirntaynu 'I'll be hungry/breathless' ngunganpintayngem 'I am hungry/breathless'

WINHURT to lift up
nganhwirnturtnu 'I'll lift you(sg) up' ngampirnturt 'I lifted it'

WINHURT to arise, to get up
ngewirnturtnu 'I'll arise' ngampirnturt ngarrim 'I continually arise'

WINHURTHATH to run
ngunuwinnahadthnu 'I will run' ngunungamiphadhart 'I ran'

WINHURTHATH to look for, to seek
ngirranaewinhadthnu 'I'll look for him' ngirragamangadhath 'I looked for'

WINHURTHATHATH to run away
ngunungamiphadhart 'I ran away' nuwinharratha-mana-ana-nintha 'he tried to run away from him'

WINHURTHATHATH to run off with an object (often implying stealing)
nanu truck kanthinpinhart 'he ran off with the truck'

WINHURTHATHATH to watch out for danger
ngirranaewetkathnu ngi 'I'll watch out for danger' ngirragamajinhetkat 'I watched out for danger'

WINHURTHATHATH to deviate to change direction
ngewinwirndharriripalinu mayern umi 'I'll change direction and go another road' ngampinhirndharpapur 'I changed direction'

WINHURTHATHATH to err, make a mistake
thawinhihikat nu 'you(sg) might make a mistake' ngampinhihikat 'I erred'

WINHURTHATHATH to poll into
ngawinhimadpak 'I will pour into (one container)' ngawinhimadpaknu 'I will pour into (more than one container)'

WINHURTHATHATH to pour into (intrans)
demphamiphadpak 'it poured into (one container)'

WINHURTHATHATH to be exhausted
ngawinhimaknu 'I'll be exhausted' ngumanginhipa ngumpan 'we (excl) are exhausted'

WINHURTHATHATH to delay another
mere thangngiwinhurthnu nukun 'don't delay me' ngamphungurthnongurr 'I continually delay him'

WINHURTHATHATH to delay (intrans)
mere thenwinhurthnu nukun 'don't delay'"
WIRRI to blow, (wind only)
punuwirrnu ‘the wind will blow’ pirrirr ‘the wind is continually blowing’ wurrannirr warda Kathu ‘the wind is blowing up this way now’

wirrigi n.c: ku estuarine rock-cod

wirrirr n.c: nanthi wind

wirrit adj. skinny, bony

wirrit n.c: da sleeping place (incl. bed) nights slept (i.e. used for counting the number of nights slept at a certain place) n.c: nanthi sleeping gear (swag)

wirritmarnti adj. cruel
kardu mangle wirritmarnti Kanthin kanam ‘a person with cruel ways’

WIT to lay down one’s head (for sleep) to duck one’s head to be circumcised (euphemism) nganitrusthu ‘I’ll put my head down’ nganirrit ‘I continually put my head down’

WIT to lay another’s head down (for sleep) to duck another’s head (trans.) to circumcise (euphemism) pudduwirn ‘they(pl) will lay his head down’ puddanwit ‘they laid his down’

WITH to ascend (any type of slope, but not climb with hands) ngemmandarwirr ‘I ascended’ ngurrnamandarwirr ‘I continually ascend’

WITH to ascend with an object
nanthi pana ngamandarwirrnu ‘I’ll take that thing up’ kanthinngamandarwirr wurran ‘he continually takes me up’

WITHPITH to increase (people, things, food, etc.)
damith ith dim ‘it is increasing’ danithithitha wurrini ‘it was increasing’

wiye n.c: murrinh swearing, bad language

wiye adj. bad no good, inferior, deteriorated

WU to lay (more than 1 item) to shift
nanthi ngawuw ‘I laid them down’ Kanampunnu ‘he shifted them’ nganamandarw ‘I laid them in the middle (or in an object)’

wurda n. no

wurdankangiyip n.c: ku western brown snake

WURDENG to crawl
ngurrurururwirrnu ‘I’ll crawl’ Kanampurdengpurdeng ‘he continually crawls’

wulingintin n.c: da hot ground, very mirage

wulumu n.c: nanthi forehead

WURL to scoop water (also used these days for getting water from a tap)
ngingawuri ‘I scooped’ kura patha ngingayuri nganam ‘I continually scoop the water’

WURL to return (intrans.)
ngurdiruriwirrnu Kathu ‘I’ll return (here)’ wururl ‘he returned’ puddalath ‘they(pl) returned’

WURL to return an object (trans.)
nanthi ngurdirinwirrnu ‘I’ll return it to him’

WURL to swim just below the surface (e.g. crocodile)
purrururwirrnu ‘he’ll swim just below the surface’ wurran ‘he’s swimming just below the surface’

wuridir n.c: ku oyster, small

wururl n.c: ku fork-tailed cat fish

wuma n.c: kardu empty-handed person

wurra n.c: ku threadfin salmon

wurnagat adj. many

WUP to sit down to live (usually only R form)
nganawu ‘I sat down’ kanhi da nganap ‘I habitually sit/live here’

WUP to sit down (trans.) i.e. make a person sit down by throwing a spear at him
pannup ‘I made him sit down’

WUP to sit down (trans.) i.e. make a person sit down by using one’s hands
ngurdanpunpu ‘I’ll sit him down’ ngurdanpunpu ‘I sat them(pl) down’

WUP to sit down (reflex.)
ngur-dirinap ‘I’ll make myself sit down’ ngur-rinap ‘I made myself sit down’

wupup n.c: nanthi seat

wurr n. non-conjugated verb stand up!

WURR to go down the wrong way (eating or drinking)
kura banganggirwurr ‘the water went (down my throat) the wrong way’

WURR to have indigestion
banganggirwurr dim ‘I have indigestion’ bangawurr ‘he had indigestion’

WURR to drag
ngawurrnu ‘I’ll drag it’ nganithinurr ‘I dragged it’

wurrururururwirrnu ‘move away’ wurrurr wangu-yin ‘move away’ (sitting)’ wurrurr Kathu ‘move this way!’
WURT to be stubborn
Kaniwut nukun 'he might be stubborn' Kanamput 'he is stubborn'

WUTETH to move (intrans.)
puwuthethnu 'he will move (lying)' yibimputeth 'he moved (lying)'

WUTETH to move/turn an object (trans.)
kardu matharr kahi mawutethnu 'I will move/turn this sick person' kura tap manputethputeth wurran 'he continually turns the tap on'

WUTETH to move/turn oneself (reflex.)
meinu wuwtethnu 'I will turn/move myself' meiminu wuwteth 'I turned/moved myself'

wuting adj. sharp point

WURT to be feeble to be weak
nguwurturu 'I\'ll be feeble' nungawurt wanda wurran 'he is continually feeble now'

wuru nu: ku spear grass (spec.)

WUMURK to smash in pieces (by throwing a stone at it)
bawuwurknu 'I\'ll smash it to pieces' bangampuwurkpwurk wurran 'he continually smashes it to pieces'

WUMURK to smash to pieces (by throwing the object)
bangampuwurk 'I smashed it to pieces'

WUY to eject another (outside) (trans.)
ngunguwurnu 'I\'ll eject him' ngungannuy 'I ejected him'

WUY to exit (intrans.)
ngunguwurnu 'I\'ll exit (go outside)' yungawurt wurran 'he continually exits'

yarra nc: ku snail

YE to discipline by talking (for wrong that has been done)
maynu 'I will discipline him' manthe nganam 'I continually discipline him'

YLEL to rain
pirrayennu 'it will rain' Kanamye 'it is raining' Kanamye 'it\'s continually raining'

ylemun nc: nanthi (sometimes referred to as ku thithay yelemun) a cut made in a tree to extract wild honey

yelyel nc: Kura rain

YLEVEL to drip
kura dimyelyel 'the water is dripping'

yelyeltarrn adj. dry, very

YERL to get used to, to habituate
mere ngurdjerelha 'I wasn\'t used to it' ngurdanteri ngurrn 'I\'m used to it'

yenge nc: ku black-tip shark

YENGKARNIRN to think
beuyengkarnirnu 'I\'ll think' benthengkarnirn dim (or) bekarnirn dim 'he\'s thinking'

YENGKAWERR to be terrified - from what is seen and heard
punyengkawernu 'I will be terrified' panniyengkawerrn 'I am terrified' puniyengkawerrna kardi 'he was continually terrified'

YEPUP to hear to listen
binthepup 'I heard' binmayemup ngem 'I continually listen to him'

YEPUP to hear about
nguyepunnu 'I will hear about it' ngamayepun 'I heard about him'

YERR to recede, salt-water (tide)
lalangk in punguyernu 'the sea will recede (the tide will go out)' lalangk in yungayernu wuran 'the sea is receding (the tide is going out)'

YERR to look out/around (past an object, etc)
miyerrnu 'I will look out/around' minthelerr ngurrn 'I continually look out/around'

YERR to inform to announce news
murrinh damgiiyern 'he informed me' danthelerr wuran 'he continually informs/announces (news)'

YERR to remind, recall (reflex.)
ngurdiiyernu 'I\'ll recall it' ngurdanterr 'I recalled it'

YERR to divide, to apportion
nanthi manarrayerrynunenu 'I\'ll divide it up for you (pc m) maneyrr 'I divided it'

YERR to divide (reflex.)
pumeryerrnu 'they(pl) will divide themselves up'

YERRRR to erase (trans.)
dimyerrr 'it erased'

YERRRR to erase (trans.)
mayerrrnunu 'I will erase it' manyyerrn 'I erased it'

yerta nc: Ku rifle fish

YETHITH to teach
ngurdinanzethethnu 'I\'ll teach you(sg) ngurdinanzethitha ngurrini 'I was continually teaching'

YEY to be alone to be lonely
maneyy ngem 'I\'m lonely'

YEYEL to urinate
ku were wurranyeyel ngarra thay Kanihi 'the dog continually urinates on this tree'
YEMMA to lack
ngunuyeymanu 'I'll go lacking' nanthi dimyeyma 'he lacks things (has nothing)'

YIBIRNU to save life
m anthibi rnu 'I saved his life' mamn hyi birnu 'I saved your (sg) life'

yid ingurr nc: nanthi pain
yidiwe adj. shy
yile nc: kardu father, father's brothers
Yile neki nc: ku [noun class not often used] our Father (i.e. God)
yilulul nc: mi excreta, liquid

YINGAP to smell
nanthi meyingapnu 'I will smell it' nanthi mentingapkap ngurran 'I continually smell it'

YIT to hold to control (influence)
nanthi mayitnu 'I will hold it' nanthi mamyitthit ngurran 'I continually hold it'

yit mam adj. heavy, with pain
yit manme 'his foot is heavy with pain'

yit thit adj. heavy

YIWIK to drown to submerge
danthiwik 'he drowned' danbingiyikth a kard i 'I continually kept submerging'

yu n. yes

YUK to rest
bangamgij yuk dim 'I am resting' ben yukth a dini 'they (pl) were resting'
yurlurm nc: ku saddle-tail sea perch

YURL to fall in love
nguyurlnu 'I'll fall in love' panyurl ngurran 'I have fallen in love'

yur yurr mamka adj. sharp-eyed
yuu-yu nc: murrinh speech, concurrence

nanthi thelerrerr
carry all

ku milu
grass whistling duck