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CLASS DIVISIONS, HOW DISTRIBUTED

S.W. Primary Divisions, \hspace{1cm} \begin{tabular}{ll}
Manitchmat and Worlungmat, & Paternal descent \\
District & Native name \\
Esperance & Kabbeekail \\
East and Northeast & Baalitchinya and Moonyimitup \\
Thomas River district & Kowajungup \\
Kundip (S.E.) & Killeedup \\
Havensthorne (S.) & Wadelungup \\
Doubtful Island & Banjelungup (mixed descent) \\
Bremer Bay & \\
Bremer Bay & \\
Kent district & Kolleeding \\
Pallinup River & Kangelillup \\
Roe district & Dalyabup \\
Kent district & Manjetup \\
Mungup & Mangaring \\
Jeramungup district & Mangalainyup \\
& Kolleding \\
& Meerdamineup \\
Jacup & Njikup \\
Between Kent and Kojonup dists. & Korrlup \\
Two People Bay & Yoolberup and Yoolimgurrup \\
Albany & Jinjaanuk \\
Kendenup & Kirminup \\
Mt. Barker & Yoorlup and Bwookkenbup \\
Broome Hill district & Boornowerrup \\
Katanhing & Ketanning \\
Denmark & Beekeebijup \\
Tenterden & Footenup \\
Kojonup district & Kaangurup \\
& Ngaingading \\
Lake Muir district & Burraburrup \\
& Yeeraminnup \\
Jayes & Ngowijjerup \\
Kokonerrup & Kockenerrup
Two classes, paternal descent (cont.)

Bridgetown district

Bridgetown town site

Between Katanning and Bridgetown

Frenchman's Peak, Esperance

Blackwood district

Collie district

Northam (S.E. of)

Beverley

Deep River

Wagin

Wagin district

Collie district

Katanning district (25 m. from K.)

Katanning (S.E. of)

Arthur River district

Wagin Hill

Wagin (N.W. of)

Narrogin (North of)

Blackwood district

Williams district

Hastings (?)

Wandering

Williams district

York

Greenhills district

Kaljingillup

Jeeere jilyup

Yowungain, Yowungup

Kerungup, Mandoboornup

Mirningup

Kalgoorain

Warrgup, Moordagarrup river

Mœbeding

Wrœrjegan, Wœrajuggin

Baalingup

Wœjing

Karrgingying, Karrkaining

Konding

Dalyabup

Kwerlungup

Wœnering, Wœnerding

Kurndining

Bœrilyaggain (mixed descent)

Nyombilin

Yooserlup

Wannœring

Boornoording

Kobaing

Yoordooming

Balladong (mixed descent)

Woorginne goombar

The two classes with their marriages and descent are as follows:

**Male**

Manitchmat

Wordungmat

**Female**

Wordungmat

Manitchmat

**Offering**

Manitchmat

Wordungmat

Wordungmat
Subdivisions of the Two Primary Divisions
(Tondeurup, Diarruk, Ballarruk, Nagarnook)

Maternal Descent

Meckering
Goomalling (North of)
Victoria Plains district
Dongara

Berkshire Valley
" " (east of)
" "

Marah

Dandarragan
Dandarragan (near)
Gingin
Pool at New Norcia
Guildford
York

Beverley
Northam (near)
Pinjarra
Bunbury
Busselton
Augusta River
Mandura
Minnup
Mt. John
Cranbrook
Bremer Bay
Wagin (N.W.)
Mt. Stirling (near)
Beverley district
Kellerberrin district

Mekkering
Goomalung
Jilngarree (mixed)
Dhoongara (Wattandee is attached to the divisional names in this district)
Wilganmaia
Jeebberding
The word "Dart-maia" is attached to the class names Tondeurup, etc. in this district.
Mardangoora (The word Batteega is attached to the divisional names here.)
Dandaaraga
Bindoong
Jininjja
Boorea, Booreejin
Boo, Koondelug, etc.
Balladung (partly)
Werrjegan (partly)
Moogain (partly)
Jeerjingan
Boologup, etc.
Yoonderup
Jeerjingup
Wilbinup
Kangalup, Wilyamup (partly)
" Borilyaggin (partly)
" Yerragan
" Yanjiding
" Kammeense
The Four Subdivisions with their marriage laws, etc., are:

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Tribea with Totemic divisions only

Ngamminwuk, dwerdawuk, Weeloowuk, etc. (fruit) (dog) (curlew)

Balladonia                     Drollinya
Balladonia, N. of             Kaandinya
Balladonia, E. of             Yoorilyinna
E. of Fraser Range district   Kool̓eroonya or Kool̓era woonya
Mt. Ragged                    Boorgainya
Israelite Bay district        Doombuling
Woolooonuk, W. Woobawuk (porcupine) f., Weeloowuk children
Fraser Range                  Woorallinya or Corallinya

Jeeuwkwuk (wild cherry), weeloowuk, etc.

Balbinia                     Balbeenya
Phillips River district       Gorragurran
Mt. Ragged district           Booreealba

Ngamminwuk, weejawuk, etc.

Balladonia district           Boondee garrbinya

Woorrarruk or Naperrabari (black opossum), jeeuwkwuk, etc.

Thomas River district         Bealitchinya, Moonyinittup (mixed)

The above marriages may be within or outside the totem class of the mother or father.

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<td>Jeeuwkwuk (wild cherry)</td>
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<td>Ngamminwuk (wild fruit or “husband stock”)</td>
<td>Gejjawuk (spear)</td>
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Tribes with two classes named from two species of kingfisher, 
Beerungoo - the larger species of kingfisher which builds its 
nest in trees - Joonk or Joosse - the ground kingfisher or 
tunnel bird.

Norsman
E. of Ravensthorpe
Dundas district (between Norseman and Esperance)
Hill near Dundas
Wigaeooltha

Warrinburnnel

Wajjeemoola (mixed with E. Goldfields classes)

Southern Cross and Mt. Jackson dist. Karratjibbin or Karresjeebin
Burrawaagoon
Jilyabin
Lake near Jilyabin
40 miles N.E. of Kellerberrin

Booringooop
Jilyaabee
Jilaaging, Goorba, Gwérin
Kammeenee (mixed with S.W. names, Tenuarap, Ballarruk)

Woggaling
Ya-jaaling
Kalyoorning
Koogurin

Koorrogördee (mixed with E. goldfields divisions)

Classses and descent of these :-

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Mixed with Eastern Goldfields classes :-

| Beerungoomat (Boorong)    | Beerungoomat (Kaimera)        | Joomat (Tharrooroo)     |
| Beerungoomat              | Joomat (Banaka, Lebarrga)     | Beerungoomat (Boorongoo) |
| Beerungoomat (Kaimera)    | Beerungoomat (Boorongo)       | Joomat (Lebarga)        |
| Joomat (Lebarrga)         | Joomat (Tharrooroo)           | Beerungoomat (Kaimera)  |

The entry into the Southern or S.W. divisions has only occurred 
since the arrival of the whites and the settlement of the S. 
and S.W. where however the Southern and S.W. people were 
"adopted" into the Beerungoomat and Joomat divisions.

Manitchmat (Tenarup, etc.) entered the Beerungoomat, and 
Wurdungmat (Ballarruk, etc.) entered the Joomat divisions.
The wives (if any) of those adopted men would either have 
their classes changed or they themselves would be exchanged 
for a wife from amongst the new people.
Northern coastal Group with four classes and paternal descent
(Boorong-Banaka, Kaimera-Paljeri.)

| McDonald Ranges, Glencig River | Maialnga people |
| Near McDonald Ranges | Kooree |
| Sunday Island | Tchowee people |
| Swan Point | Barada people |
| Beagle Bay | Beerungu |
| Broome | Jirr'agin'ngan |
| Willie Creek | Weerragimmarree |
| Derby | Waiungarree people |
| Fitzroy River | Warreengarree people (partly) |
| La Grange Bay, part of | Karrajarra ? |

The marriages and descent of these are as under:

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At Fitzroy, as will be seen from a pedigree submitted, the classes are mixed with Hall's Creek, and other (probable) Class subdivisions obtaining in the interior.

A Banaka man from Fitzroy may steal and marry a Ngaggara (Banaka) woman from far Eastward, as after (about) 150 miles have been traversed, tribal relationship is apparently ended.

The Fitzroy pedigree is as follows:

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<td>Boorongoo</td>
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<td>Kaimera</td>
<td>Tchamboordoc (<strong>nephew</strong> to Boorongoo)</td>
<td>Beorongoo</td>
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<tr>
<td>Kaimera</td>
<td>Tcharrooroo (Paljeri ? stolen from S.E.)</td>
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<td>Kaimera</td>
<td>Boorgooloo (married in Murchison dist.)Boorong</td>
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The Hall's Creek subdivisions are as under:

**Boorong**
- Jowalyoo (male)
- or Jowalyee
- Ngowajarree (female)
- or Ngowajil

**Banaka**
- Tchaggara (male)
- Ngaggara (female)

**Kaimera**
- Joongara (male)
- Nganjelee (female)

**Paljeri**
- Tchangala
- Ngangala

The marriages are:

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<td>Jooroo (boys) Nyoweroo (girls) (Paljeri)</td>
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<td>Joongara</td>
<td>Ngangala</td>
<td>Jowalyee (boys) Ngowajil (girls) (Boorong)</td>
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<td>Tchangala or Jangala</td>
<td>Nganjelee</td>
<td>Jambee or Tohambee (boys) Ngambee (girls) (Banaka)</td>
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How far north, south and east these numerous subdivisions extend is not at present ascertained. That they intrude upon the northern coastal classes is seen in the Fitzroy pedigrees. So far as investigation has permitted, the Northern coastal marriage laws are adhered to, but possibly as the northern classes are changed on their journey southward, so also may the Hall's Creek Divisions be altered.
From some point near the Ophthalmia Ranges, (probably further north) down towards Peak Hill and parts of the Murchison, the northern (coastal) classes undergo change in marriage laws, and, in one instance, in nomenclature.

The marriages and descent are as under:

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It will be noticed that Kaimera and Boorong, who are "fathers and sons for ever" in the northern (coastal) classes, become the marrying pair in the districts hereunder mentioned, Boorong and Banaka, who are the marrying pair on the coast becoming the offspring of each other in this district. Similarly with Faljeri and Boorgooloo (Banaka), Faljeri and Banaka are the offspring of each other, "fathers and sons" in the Northern coastal classes, but become the marrying pair in the Peak Hill district with an entire change in the nomenclature of one of them (Banaka - Boorgooloo). The term Boorgooloo probably being where the change in the marriage laws is made. Majjerree, a Fitzroy Banaka, became a Boorgooloo "south of Fitzroy", and stated that the name Boorgooloo was to be found 200 miles south of Wyndham. No clue can be discovered at present as to the reason for such a complete change in the marrying divisions. Each tribe thinks that its own division is correct and all others are wrong, and the old people when questioned maintain that the present divisions had always obtained amongst them.

The distribution of the above classes occurs in the following places:

- **Peak Hill district**
- **Near Mt. Labouchere**
- **N.E. of Peak Hill, Thaduna dist.**
- **Robinson Ranges, Mt. Fraser Ck.**
- **West of Peak Hill near Mt. Maitland**

Yallasurra, E. of Mt. Doverall
Nyingarree
Warrung
Kajjeemarra
Beenyerree (Kaimera - Burgulu
Faljeri - Burangu)
Between Mt. Maitland and Abbots
Abbots
6 miles from Meekatharra
Milly Milly Station
Mount Loerie Station, Murchison
Lake Way
East of Day Dawn
Lindsay Gordon Lagoon
Tuckanarra
N.W. of Yalgoo
North of Findar
Between Anublinia and Yoweragabbbee
Woordeemurda
Yandanoga and Arrino

Keenga, Jillawarra
Yocraboordo
Goondarra, Yalleema
Thowl
Yoolduurra and Murerre
Yarrnder
Dhoodhooogoodarra
Jooril
Boolyoolyoo
Weelarra
Thaliceun
Yandanoga (mixed with Ngurdseema, Basdeemaia, etc.)

Tharroorco, an Eastern Goldfields class name, takes the place of Paljeri in one or two districts, the class divisions remaining as above:--

Therroocoo - Burgulu
Kaimera = Boorong,

Warramba

East of Lennonville
Duketon
North of Lawlers
Leonora
Gwalia
Near Cosmo Newberry Hills
Burtville
Pendimnie
Menzies
North of Lake Ballard

Goondhoonoo

Dérin or Terin
Kooran' (mixed)
Leenjia, Findinne
Yoolalla
Goondardoo
Threading in and out amongst the above named classes, a further change takes place west of Peak Hill. The class names are similar but the marriages are again mixed as under:

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In these divisions, Kaimera and Boorgooloo become the marrying pair, whereas in the Peak Hill districts (previously mentioned) they are "fathers and sons for ever". Faljeri and Boorong also become marrying pairs, although they are "fathers and sons for ever" in the adjoining districts and are "mothers and daughters" for ever in the Northern (coastal) divisions, Kaimera and Boorgooloo (Banaka) being also "mothers and daughters for ever" in the Northern coastal districts.

The places where these divisions obtain are as follows:

- Head of Wooraloo River: Jeeramunda
- North of Mt. Murchison: Moogooloo
- Between Roderick River and Mt. Murchison: Marriyungan
- Between Mt. Nicolay and Mt. Luke Talleerain: Marrgook
- Morta: Dhuorresbarlooloo
- Meega Station Sanford River (Meega): Koorderedee (M.E. of Weld Range)
- Meekatharra: Meekathurda
- Nannine: Ngowadhanungoo
- Burnacoora: Buntakoora
- South of Barr-Smith Range: Weenjaengoo
- Boolardree: Kallakoojarra
- South of Gabbamintha: Yaagoongoo
- Day Dawn: Beenamarra
- Lennonville: Wabbar
- Koolardree: Koolardree
- Gabbion Station: Gabbseon
Wagga Wagga Station
Yalgoo
South of Namowtharra
North of Mt. Kenneth
Mt. Magnet
Paynesville
West of Sandstone
South of Munugarra

Yoodoo kailyoo
Minjo
Barlamaldanoo
Bootarnoo
Kurdaaroo
Kaggaala
Galdhalain
Beergoonoo, Binyiling
In the Eastern Goldfields districts, Bebarrga (Banaka) and Tharrooroo (Kaljeri) take the place of Boorgooloo and Faljeri, otherwise the marriages are arranged as in the Peak Hill district:

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(Majjeree stated that Tharrooroo went far north, towards the Fitzroy.)

In the districts where these classes obtain, Kaimera and Bebarrga are fathers and sons for ever, and Boorong and Tharrooroo are fathers and sons for ever. Boorong and Bebarrga are mothers and daughters for ever, and Kaimera and Tharrooroo mothers and daughters for ever.

The places where these divisions are found are as follows:

- Lake Yeo district, N.E. of Laverton
  - Laverton E. of Laverton Ida E.
  - Burtville
  - Kookynie
  - Goongarree
  - Kanowna
  - near Broad Arrow
  - Ularring
  - Lake Giles district
  - Kalgoorlie
  - Coolgardie
  - Widjeemoooltha

Yanneeweree

Kooran (mixed)

Kookainee

Wongai

Yoolyarin

Korrgorlee (mixed - Beerungoomat, etc.)

Wajjeemoolna

Bebarrga appears to begin somewhere about the De Grey as the name had been given by a De Grey native for the district adjoining his own territory (Karreesarra). Majjeree, the Fitzroy native before mentioned, also stated that Bebarrga went "far north".
Bounded by the coastal divisions on the north, the Peak Hill and Lower Murchison classes on the East, and the four subdivisions (with maternal descent) on the south, several little tribes were located in the Northampton, Geraldton and Dongara districts, many of whose members were adopted into the boundary divisions at some time or other, and were circumcised or otherwise according to the laws obtaining in their adopted tribes. At Lynton and Northampton (Wararramungoo) they were called Manda or Mandatharra.

In the Geraldton district (Yoombo) they were Nunnagardee or Nunnawurdee.

At Malewa (Moolawa) they were Wajjerree.

North of Weelhambay Lake (Nunnakain) they were Baadeemaia.

Below Minjar at Moonoooka they were Aggardee.

South of Weelhambay (Jilnjarree) only mixed and wrong class marriages were found, no special name given.

At Dongara (Dhoongara) they were Wattanee or Opee, but they also had the four subdivisions of the Southwest.

At Yandangan and Arrino, Ngurieemaia and Baadeemaia, mixed with Peak Hill class divisions.

At Kurnama (Karnama) they were Dhwaragoo.

At Marah (Mandangcora) they were Bateeega, mixed with the four S.W. subdivisions.

At Mingan (Mingan) they were Bateeega, but also entered Southwestern subdivisions.

At Bowes, Yoonoo, Allanooka, South of Northampton, they were Wajjarree, Ngagooja and Nunnawurdee.

At Beeroo (near 40 Acres, Murchison) they were Thawera.

At Crowther (Yoombo) they were Nunnagardee, mixed with the S.W. classes.

At Upper Irwin (Ebenowa) they were Ngurieemaia, mixed with the Southern class divisions.

At Cakaballa, Thoorkarrr, Yandee and Thoorkoo, they were Mandatharra and Nunnawurdee.

In the Irwin district (Yarragoodherra), Nunnagardee, Baadeemaia and Ngurieemaia mix.

At Weelagullie (12 miles W. of Northampton) they were strictly Manda.

At Tasnalee (Edelsland), Manda and Mulgurra joined, but Manda were the original people.

At Illimbirree (Selimbirrree) they were Weelanyoo m. Weelanyoo f. Weelanyoo children.

At Mingeneew they were Baadeemaia.
Very meagre information regarding those tribes could be ascertained during the limited time allowed for investigation. It appears that they intermarried freely with their Southern neighbours. Jurien Bay was supposed to be the Northern boundary of the Southwestern people, but their "road" evidently went further north along the coast towards Geraldton and along this line the "beedawong" came and went, for a coast teedawong keeps along his own road and does not go far inland.

The various local names of these tribelets, as they might be called, were evidently applied from some local dialectic term.

Nanda - what (Nanda koolee = what name)
Nunnagurdde may be derived from nunna, ngunna or nganna = what.
Baadeemaia may either come from baadce = no, or baadooc = blood.
Aggarice from kakkar = eastern; The initial syllable being dropped, kakkardeee = aggarice.
Wattanadee = "sea people".
Opee. Dongara term for "skin"
Dhowarugoo - the soft "th" taking the place of the Southern d, t, or th (dower - name of a southern native)
Batteega - from battee = no (local word).
Ngaagooja - probably another local dialectic word, with the lengthened sound of a as in the Dandaaraga dialect.
Thaware - thaa = mouth, werra = no good.
Ngurdeemaia = ngurdeee = down, below (south), maia = voice or speech
Weelanyoc = weeloo = west, or weela = north (southern term). (consonants are frequently inserted for the sake of euphony.)

Dark Nunnagurdde or Ngurdeemaia are generally said to be "going into Bailarruk" from their dark colour. All natives who have knowledge of the Bailarruk division speak of it as darker than the Yondaruy.

When a Nunnagurdde or Nanda man was adopted into the tribes north of him (Boorong, Banaka, Kaimara, Faljeri), the older men of his adopted tribe generally classified him perhaps from physique or colour, and he accepted their dictum as to the new class he entered. In the same manner he entered into the Southern divisions.
In one pedigree of a Weelanyoo man and woman at Illimbirree there were five children, the first, second and fifth of which were Nunagurdee, the third was Ngardeemaia, the fourth Weelanyoo. This change in the children's class was due to their having been taken away from their mothers and adopted into the various families. Two boys and one girl were Nunagurdee, the remaining two girls being Weelanyoo and Ngardeemaia respectively.

These little tribes did not circumcise, but they mingled with the circumcised tribes eastward of them at the Wanna wa ceremony and at the great gatherings for barter and exchange. If during these ceremonies a young western boy picked up or looked at a bullroarer he was seized by the owners and operated on. If he decorated himself with ornaments or markings worn by circumcised men only, he had to undergo the rite, and from that time onward he became virtually a member of the tribe whose people circumcised him.

If a Wattande man wanted to marry an Aggardee woman, he first underwent circumcision. He then became an Aggardee, his children were also Aggardee. A Nanda of Weelagullee was adopted into the tribes east of Mooneeocks, was circumcised and was given a wife from the circumcised tribe, his father-in-law later on giving him two more daughters to wife. I have seen three "own" sisters belonging to one man.

At Yandanoga the Peak Hill marriage classes were found mixed with the Raadeemaia, etc.