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A LIST OF NYOONGAR WORDS OF THE SOUTH WEST OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA COMMONLY USED IN THE WILMEN COUNTRY.



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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & WELCOME TO COUNTRY

WELCOME TO COUNTRY

Kaya noonook baalap moort.
Hello everyone.

Wandju wandju nidja noongar Wiilman Boodjar.
Welcome here to Noongar Wiilman Country.

Ngany djoorabiny mandja nyin kaadadjiny Noongar Boodjar.
It is a privilege to meet live and learn on Noongar land.

Ngany kaaditj waangkiny koorra birdiya nidja Boodjar yanginy ngany ang yira
koora yey koorliny Noongar moort.

I acknowledge the traditional owners of this land and pay my respects to
past , present and emerging Elders.

By Elder Pop Basil Kickett

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land that we live on the
Wilman Noongar people we would also like to pay our respects to the elders both past
and present.

By Jayeisha Ford

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DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT & WELCOME TO COUNTRY

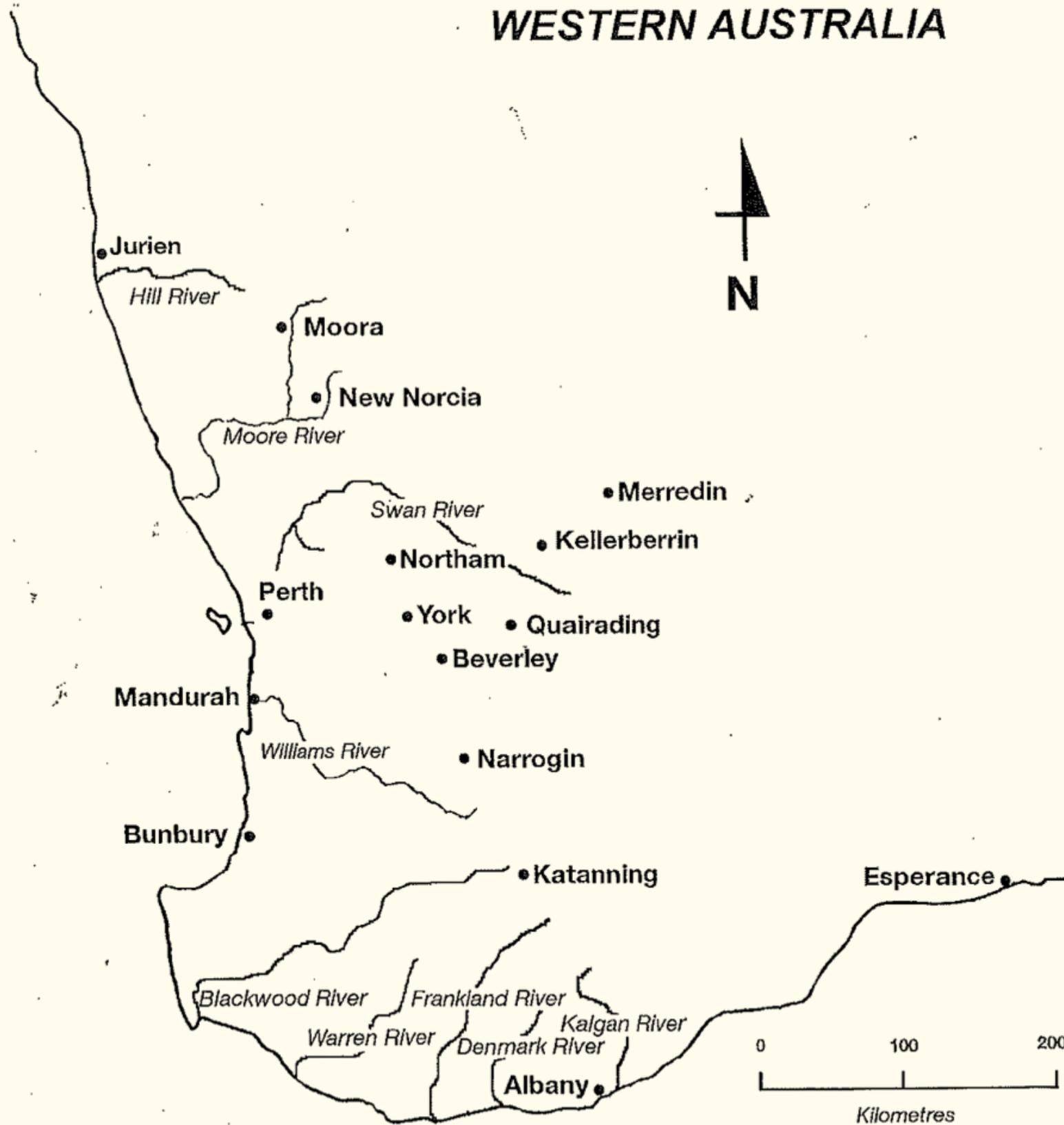
Acknowledgement of Country: This can be performed by anyone and involves recognizing the traditional custodians of the land and paying respects to Elders past and present. It is a way to show respect for Aboriginal cultures and their ongoing relationship with the land.

Welcome to Country: This is a formal ceremony performed by a Traditional Owner or Elder of the land. It is a way of welcoming visitors to the land and is often conducted at the beginning of events or gatherings.

GROUPS OF NYOONGAR CLANS



TOWNS IN THE SOUTH WEST WA NYOONGAR AREA



NYOONGAR VOWELS

Vowels

the vowel sounds are written and pronounced as follows:

a - a short sound, as in **alone** or **comma**

aa - a lengthened sound, as in **hard**

e - a short sound, as in **men**

ē - a lengthened sound, as in **wear**

i - a short sound, as in **win**

ii - a lengthened sound, as in **pierce**

o - a short sound, as in **hot**

ō - a lengthened sound, as in **oar**

oo - a short sound, as in **put** or a lengthened sound, as in **cool**

NYOONGAR CONSONANTS

Consonants

the remaining consonants are pronounced as follows:

b - has a sound between b and p

d- has a sound between d and t

k- has a sound between k and g

l- is pronounced as in **lonely**

m- is pronounced as in **member**

n- is pronounced as in **nine**

p- is pronounced as in **gap**

r- is pronounced as in **peril**, slightly trilled

t- is pronounced as in **get**

w- is pronounced as in **wildflower**

y- is pronounced as in **yellow**

EVERYDAY USED NYOONGAR WORDS

Kaya- Hello

Wandju- Welcome

Baal- He, She, That one

Unna- Agree

Woorra- Bad, Wrong

Dardy- Wicked, cool

Aliwa- Be aware, Look out

Moorditj- Strong, Solid

Nyorn- Sorry!, Poor thing!

Winyarn- Weak, Poor

Coonyie- No good

ANIMALS

NYOONGAR-ENGLISH

Yonga- Kangaroo

Nyingarn-Echinda

Wetj- Emu

Karda- Goanna

Koolbardi- Magpie

Koomal-Possum

Noombat-Numbat

Kaakaw-Kookaburra

Djidi Djidi- willy Wagtail

Noorn- Snake

Djilit -Bobtail

Dwert- dog

Wakal- Rainbow serpent

FAMILY

Moort- Family

Dembaan- Grandfather

Kabarli- Grandmother

Deman- Grandparent, Grandchild

Maaman- Father

Ngaank- Mother

Kongk- Uncle

Maam yok- Aunty

Ngoony- Brother

Djook- Sister

Nop- Boy

Yorga- Girl

NUMBERS

1. Keny
2. Koodjal
3. Daambart
4. Koodjal Koodjal
5. Maar
6. Maar kenya
7. Maar Koodjal
8. Maar Daambart
9. Maar Koodjal Koodjal
10. Maar Maar

Boola Boola- Many

COLOURS

Mirda-Red

Mirda yoont- Orange

Yoont-Yellow

Djirp-Green

Nyilar-Blue

Mirda Wilar-Pink

Mirda Nyilar-Purple

BUSH FOODS

Bardi- Witchetty grub

Marron- Freshwater crayfish

Wetj noorook- Emu egg

Noorook- Egg

Kudjat- Mallee Nut

nguk/Djidjar- Honey

Djildjit- Fish

Warrany- Yams

Mangatj- Banksia Flower

Kwordiny- Wild carrots

Kwolberi- Berries

Mandjarak- Bush fig

Djabak- Edible roots

Kada Kwetj- Acacia Seeds

Kwolak- Grain

Kalyang- Gum (of wattle tree)

Wongup- Quondong

Boyan- Zamia palm seeds

Bayu- Zamia Nut

BODY PARTS

Kaat- Head
Kaat mangka- Hair
Ye-mong- Forehead
Mimbern- Eyebrows
Miyal- Eyes
Dwonk- Ears
Yooratj- Cheeks
Mooyl- Nose
Daar- Mouth
Woort- Throat
Koonich- Shoulder
Ngort- Chest
Ngoyoor- Elbow
Bookal- Back
Marr- Arm
Maaraka- Hand
Maaraka birika- Fingers
Biri- Finger nails
Boonich- Knee
Mart- Leg
Barlakoot- Ankle
Djena- Feet

NATURAL ELEMENTS

Bilya-River

Boodja-Land

Boorna-Tree

Balga-Grasstree

Maar-wind

Mika-Moon

Ngaank-Sun

Koondart-Cloud

Djinda-Star

Babanginy-Lightning

Walken-Rainbow

Karla-Fire

Malkar-Thunder

Malkar Waangkiny-Thunderstorm

Kep markabi-Rain cloud

CAMPSITE

Karl- Fire

Koorl-Smoke

Birdal-Sparks

Djaaliny-Flame

Karlmoorl-Fire stick

Karl Boorn-Firewood

Yuwart-Ash

Mia Mia-Shelter

Dhatj-Meat food

Kylie-Boomerang

Dowak-Throwing stick

Kitj-Spear

Djoornak-skin of animal

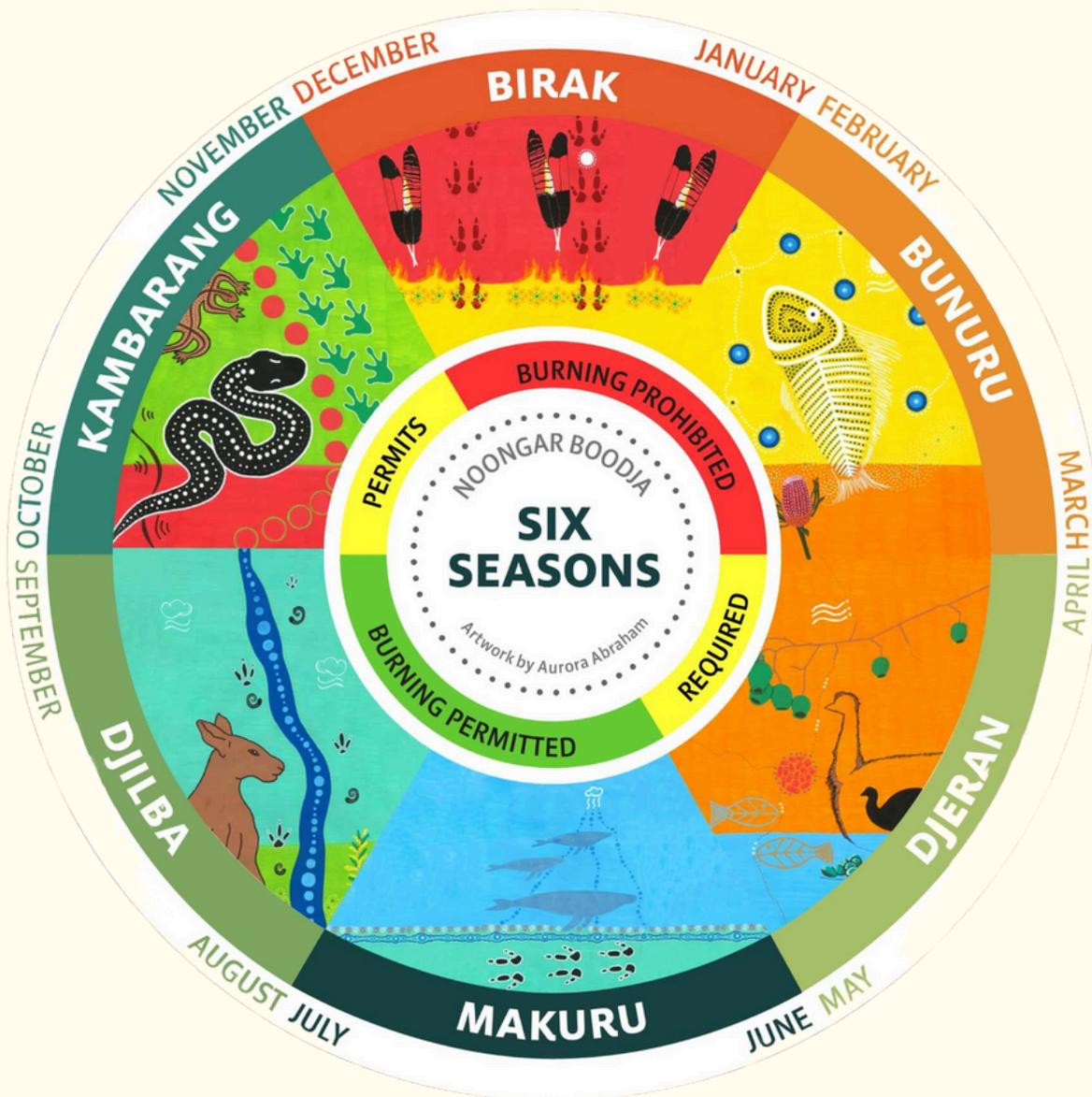
Merany-Vegetable food

Boorn Waagnkiny-Tapping/message sticks

Mirlen-Grass tree sticks

Boo yoo - Wool of the Zamia Palm

NYOONGAR SEASONS



These are Birak, Bunuru, Djeran, Makuru, Djilba and Kambarang. Each of the six seasons represents and explains the seasonal changes we see annually. The flowering of many different plants, the hibernation of reptiles and the moulting of swans are all helpful indicators that the seasons are changing.

The Nyoongar seasons can be long or short and are indicated by what is happening and changing around us rather than by dates on a calendar. Aligning Nyoongar seasons with Western calendar months can provide an overview of a typical year.

This six season calendar is extremely important to Nyoongar people, as it is a guide to what nature is doing at every stage of the year, as well as understanding respect for the land in relation to plant and animal fertility cycles and land and animal preservation.

RESOURCES

- Clans map** -page 4- The Nyoongar Legacy book by Bernard Rooney
- Small towns** -page 5-The Nyoongar Legacy Book by Bernard Rooney
- Vowels and consonants** - page 6 -Nyoongar Dictionary by Bernard Rooney
- Animals**-page 8 - www.noongar.org.au
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