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Interview with Dr WJRM

11:30 am

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Dr C. L. Voorhoeve ?

At least 3 linguistic groups can be distinguished in the North of the M-T + Tiwi as a distinct group (with similarities to Algonquin & Eskimo & perhaps some Sumero & parts of A.L.G.)

More fine subdivision could be made, but some of the groups have almost disappeared

1. NE Group

Mithigimiki

Yrkkala

(Not quite Eylandi)

This group has no prefix, suffix or noun classification. Has vocabulary similarities also with W desert groups (Pitjara, Warlu, Pintubi - Aranda's somewhat different)

2 Central Group

Oerpelli

Maningreda - (same tribe)

Bamydi (formerly Besdielc)



Banyidi would be suitable -

The Gumbalong language is the type here

The central group is prefixing, suffixing  
Dreda classifying & is most  
widespread in Arnhem Land

### 3 Western Group

Also suffixing & prefixing, but  
has characteristics which distinguish  
it sharply from the Central group  
Port Heath & Daly River would  
be good sites. The latter is  
recommended by Trigon

The Western Group is said to be distinct  
from the Kuikerley languages, with still another  
group interposed between them and the Western Group.

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