

# **kmntso tsokwasi**

**a first dictionary of Kmntso**

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## The Kmntso Writing System (Orthography)

	Beginning	Middle	End
<b>a</b>	<i>ama</i> 'mother'	<i>sami</i> 'eagle'	<i>yaka</i> 'digging stick'
<b>ä</b>	<i>änta</i> 'two'	<i>mät</i> 'twins'	<i>kofä</i> 'fish'
<b>b</b>	<i>brubru</i> 'drum'	----	<i>bob</i> 'lagoon'
<b>mb</b>	<i>mbä</i> 'you'	<i>mombo</i> 'from where'	<i>nḡémb</i> 'black palm'
<b>e</b>	<i>emoth</i> 'girl'	<i>fétsents</i> 'wife'	<i>kambe</i> 'man'
<b>é</b>	----	<i>férék</i> 'blood'	<i>kayé</i> 'yesterday, tomorrow'
<b>f</b>	<i>fath</i> 'yard'	<i>afa</i> 'father'	<i>karaf</i> 'paddle'
<b>i</b>	----	<i>fisor</i> 'turtle'	<i>mbi</i> 'sago'
<b>k</b>	<i>ker</i> 'tail'	<i>fakérsok</i> 'arrow blade'	<i>fék</i> 'buttocks'
<b>kw</b>	<i>kwayan</i> 'white'	<i>sakwér</i> 'hit him!'	----
<b>nḡ</b>	<i>nḡiri</i> 'knife'	<i>ntunḡa</i> 'taro'	<i>nanḡ</i> 'grass skirt'
<b>nḡw</b>	<i>nḡwä</i> 'mosquito'	<i>fönḡwath</i> 'tree snake'	----
<b>m</b>	<i>mésar</i> 'ant'	<i>mamu</i> 'pidgin'	<i>kam</i> 'bone'
<b>n</b>	<i>no</i> 'water'	<i>mane</i> 'which'	<i>térén</i> 'chest'
<b>ng</b>	<i>ngare</i> 'woman'	<i>tinga</i> 'red parrot'	----
<b>o</b>	<i>ofa</i> 'light (not heavy)'	<i>ororo</i> 'hill, slope'	<i>warfo</i> 'above'
<b>ö</b>	----	<i>föntsési</i> 'to burn'	<i>yéfö</i> 'hole'
<b>r</b>	<i>rata</i> 'ladder'	<i>térén</i> 'chest'	<i>kar</i> 'village'
<b>s</b>	<i>si</i> 'eye'	<i>nasi</i> 'long yam'	<i>fis</i> 'husband'
<b>th</b>	<i>thämbu</i> 'hair'	<i>réthé</i> 'when'	<i>méth</i> 'path'
<b>t</b>	<i>trikasi</i> 'story'	<i>tuti</i> 'branch'	<i>kut</i> 'trap'
<b>nt</b>	<i>ntasi</i> 'lump, bulge'	<i>nanti</i> 'stone'	<i>thént</i> 'middle'
<b>ts</b>	<i>tsér</i> 'tooth'	<i>watsi</i> 'side'	<i>féts</i> 'forest'
<b>nts</b>	<i>ntsäthe</i> 'namesake'	<i>wantso</i> 'dream'	<i>ténts</i> 'short'
<b>u</b>	----	<i>turama</i> 'python'	<i>fértu</i> 'scar'
<b>ü</b>	----	<i>tüfér</i> 'many'	<i>tsértsü</i> 'knee'
<b>w</b>	<i>wawa</i> 'round yam'	<i>théwé</i> 'eel'	<i>nḡäw</i> 'fishing spear'
<b>y</b>	<i>yüsi</i> 'grass'	<i>mayawa</i> 'clan name'	----

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**A - a**


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- afa** *noun.* father. *Category:* **Relationships.**
- akam** *noun.* cough, fast breath. *Category:* **Body functions, Cough, sneeze, Breathe, breath.**
- ake ake** *noun.* tree type. *alphitonia incana.* *NOTE:* used for firewood, yamsticks *Category:* **Plant.**
- aki** *noun.* parents in law for a woman, used reciprocally. *Category:* **Relationships, In-Law/Tambu.**
- aki** *noun.* moonoun. *Category:* **Moon.**
- ama** *noun.* mother. *Category:* **Relationships.**
- amkéf** *noun.* breath.
- asar** *number.* four. *Category:* **Number.**
- atétö** *noun.* tree type. *pouteria sp.* *NOTE:* fruit eaten by cassowaries, empty shell is used for decoration  
*Category:* **Plant.**
- ausi** *noun.* old womanoun. *Category:* **Relationships.**
- än** *noun.* plant type. *ficus chrysantha.* *NOTE:* used for timber, leaves used like sand-paper *Category:* **Plant.**
- änta** *number.* two. *Category:* **Number.**
- äthéngam** *noun.* nonda plum, parinari. *parinari nonda.* *NOTE:* edible fruit, used for firewood *Category:* **Plant.**
- ätraf** *noun.* tree type. *gonocaryum littoralis.* *NOTE:* used for timber *Category:* **Plant.**

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**B - b**


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- bara** *noun.* paddle. *Category:* **Work and occupation.**
- biskar** *noun.* cassava. *NOTE:* staple food *Category:* **Plant, .**
- bob** *noun.* lagoon.
- bramewé** every, all.
- bru** *noun.* catfish. *Category:* **Fish, Animal.**
- brubru** *noun.* kundu drum. *Category:* **Musical instrument, Work and occupation.**
- bus** *noun.* cat. *Category:* **Mammal, Animal.**
- bäbä** *adjective.* numb.
- bébreko** *noun.* earthquake.
- béko** *noun.* great cuckoo dove. *Category:* **Bird, Animal.**
- béra** *adjective.* empty, finished.
- bübü kwan** *noun.* sound made by hitting the ground (to attract wallabies).

## Mb - mb

- mbafen** *noun*. place. *Category: Work and occupation.*
- mbanar** *noun*. shark. *Category: Fish, Animal.*
- mbanmban** *preposition*. under.
- mbant** *noun*. ground, soil.
- mbanḡu** *noun*. clan name. *Category: Relationships, Family, clan.*
- mbawai** *noun*. magpie goose. *Category: Bird, Animal.*
- mbe** *pronoun*. you (singular).
- mbenme** *possessive*. your (plural).
- mbi** *noun*. sago.
- mbiatoto** *noun*. common kingfisher. *Category: Bird, Animal.*
- mbimbinas** *noun*. bat. *Category: Bat, Mammal, Animal.*
- mbintr** *noun*. flying fox. *Category: Bat, Mammal, Animal.*
- mbinḡonḡo** *noun*. 1 • jew's harp. *Category: Work and occupation.*  
2 • crested pitohui / spotted catbird. *Category: Bird, Animal.*
- mbira** *noun*. axe. *Category: Work and occupation.*
- mbiri mbiri** *noun*. plant type. *danella sp.* *NOTE: medical use, mixed with fāmbü fāmbü and eaten to sooth the throat*  
*Category: Plant.*
- mbis** *noun*. azure kingfisher. *Category: Bird, Animal.*
- mbith** *noun*. 1 • honey.  
2 • bee. *Category: Animal, Insect.*
- mbito** *noun*. rat. *Category: Mammal, Animal, Rodent.*
- mbiwak** *noun*. tree type. *flinderisia sp.* *NOTE: sign of good (high) ground, used for timber* *Category: Plant.*
- mbone** *possessive*. your.
- mbormbor** *noun*. storm.
- mbr** *noun*. rat (mouse). *Category: Body.*
- mbranḡési** *verb*. follow.
- mbringési** *verb*. return.
- mbrākénsi** *verb*. call out.
- mbrütsési** *verb*. 1 • submerge.  
2 • dive.
- mburam** *noun*. frill-necked lizard. *Category: Animal, Reptile.*

mbä

**mbä** *pro-form.* there.

**mbä** *pronoun.* you.

**mbäntsü** *noun.* tree type. *plachonia sp.* NOTE: used for houseposts Category: **Plant.**

**mbängwéré** *noun.* butterfly. Category: **Animal, Insect.**

**mbärbär** *noun.* half.

**mbäwtsö** *noun.* 1 • wall. Category: **Work and occupation.**

2 • tree type. *xanthostemon sp.* NOTE: bark is heated over the fire and then used for house walls  
Category: **Plant.**

**mbénatsési** *verb.* wake up.

**mbéné** *pronoun.* you (plural).

**mbér** *noun.* flower, stalk of a banana, pineapple, chestnut.

**mbérsi** *verb.* 1 • laugh.

2 • play. **kambe soka ngambérwéréth moreheaden** the men are playing soccer in morehead.

**mbéréntse** *noun.* lips. Category: **Body.**

**mbéréntuyam** *noun.* plant type. *anon (vine) sp.* NOTE: bark used for ségeru Category: **Plant.**

**mbérütsi** *noun.* anona muricata.

**mbéthakési** *verb.* finish.

**mbéthan** *noun.* magic.

**mbéthétsü** *noun.* tree type. *ternstromia cheryii.* NOTE: bark is used for poison fishing Category: **Plant.**

**mbök** *noun.* rat (water rat). Category: **Mammal, Animal, Rodent.**

**mböm** *noun.* sprout, shoot.

**mbürä** *noun.* baby animal.

**mbüréng** *noun.* plant type. *diplanchea sp.* NOTE: shoots use with betel, flower are eaten by wallabies Category: **Plant.**

## E - e

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**efoth** *noun.* 1 • sun. Category: **Sun.**

2 • day. Category: **Day.**

**efthar** *noun.* dry season. Category: **Season, Period of time.**

**ekri** *noun.* flesh, meat. Category: **Body.**

**embar** *noun.* head. Category: **Body.**

**emoth** *noun.* girl. Category: **Relationships, Youth.**

**enat** *noun.* parents in law for a man, used reciprocally. Category: **Relationships.**

**etha** *number*. three. *Category*: **Number**.

**etsi** *noun*. morning. **namä etsi** good morning. *Category*: **Time of the day**.

## F - f

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**faf** *noun*. yard, house area. *Category*: **Work and occupation**.

**faikore** *noun*. mollucan scrubfowl. *Category*: **Bird, Animal**.

**fakérsok** *noun*. arrow blade. *Category*: **Work and occupation**.

**fam** *noun*. thought, feeling.

**fanḡwathé** *adjective*. wide.

**farkési** *verb*. 1 • leave.

2 • set off.

3 • go away.

**farsi** *verb*. fell.

**fartéki** *noun*. sago type. *metroxyllon sagu*. *NOTE*: staple food *Category*: **Plant**.

**farét farét** *noun*. plant type. *liliaceae sp*. *NOTE*: used for decoration *Category*: **Plant**.

**fatam** *noun*. plume. **wérai fatam wathéma yé** the heron feathers are for the dance.

**fath** *noun*. clearing (grassland or forest).

**fathési** *verb*. 1 • hold.

2 • celebrate.

3 • dye.

**fatér** *noun*. fishtail, albert palm. *caryota rumphiana*. *NOTE*: used for timber *Category*: **Plant**.

**fau** *noun*. payment. *Category*: **Work and occupation**.

**fefe** *adjective*. real, very.

**ferar** *noun*. tree type. *acacia sp*. *NOTE*: used for timber (housepost, fence), bark used for ségeru *Category*: **Plant**.

**fewa** *noun*. smell, bad smell. **fewa kafar** big stinking smell.

**fi** *pronoun*. he, she, they.

**fiaroro** *noun*. flute. *Category*: **Music, Musical instrument, Work and occupation**.

**fifitse** *noun*. wandering whistle duck. *Category*: **Bird, Animal**.

**fifrési** *verb*. clean.

**fifthakési** *verb*. put.

**fikénsi** *verb*. touch.

**fint** *noun*. bush cane, whip vine, false rattan. *flagelaria indica*. *NOTE*: used as rope *Category*: **Plant**.

**fintäth** *noun*. tree type. *semecarpus sp.* NOTE: fruit eaten by cassowaries Category: **Plant**.

**finḡéthkési** *verb*. lick.

**fira** *noun*. betelnut.

**fis** *noun*. husband. Category: **Relationships**.

**fisor** *noun*. turtle. Category: **Animal, Reptile**.

**fithak** *noun*. ashes.

**fiyokési** *verb*. 1 • make.

2 • do.

**fofosa** *noun*. heart. Category: **Body**.

**fokam** *noun*. grave house. Category: **Work and occupation**.

**fongési** *verb*. dawn.

**frasi** *noun*. hunger.

**frathén** *noun*. coconut skin (the part that people chew).

**fratsési** *verb*. extinguish.

**fretsési** *verb*. pull up.

**fräsi** *verb*. singe.

**frémntsési** *verb*. 1 • prepositionare.

2 • straighten.

3 • fix.

**fufési** *verb*. reheat.

**fumakési** *verb*. pull out.

**futh** *noun*. greenbrier, red china wood. *smilax lanceolata*. NOTE: medical use, liquid from stem is applied  
Category: **Plant**.

**fä** *pro-form*. over there.

**fäk** *noun*. jaw. Category: **Body**.

**fämbü** *noun*. stone axe. Category: **Work and occupation**.

**fämbü fämbü** *noun*. tree type. *syzygium sp.* NOTE: medical use, leafes mixed with mbiri mbiri against sore throat  
Category: **Plant**.

**fämés kambe** *noun*. exchange man, used reciprocally. Category: **Relationships**.

**fämés ngare** *noun*. exchange women. Category: **Relationships**.

**fänitsési** *verb*. 1 • relocate.

2 • shift.

**fäntsési** *verb*. 1 • cure.

2 • show.

- fäsi** *noun.* shame. **oroman fäsi yé mbänema wéri no kayé kwanathér** the oldman is ashmed because he drunk alcohol yesterday. **fi fäsithé kambe yékongér** the shameful man stands over there.
- fäséri** *noun.* tree type. *NOTE:* used as glue tree, bark used for ségeru *Category:* **Plant.**
- fät** *noun.* friend, mate. *Category:* **Relationships.**
- fätr** *adjective.* left.
- fäü** *noun.* pit-pit (arrow part). *Category:* **Work and occupation.**
- fäyé** *noun.* stingray. *Category:* **Fish, Animal.**
- fék** *noun.* buttocks. *Category:* **Body.**
- fékasi** *verb.* peel.
- fér** *noun.* stem, post. *Category:* **Work and occupation.**
- férkat** *noun.* stick (short and thin).
- férkési** *verb.* brag.
- férme** *adjective.* straight.
- férsi** *verb.* 1 • bite.  
2 • pinch.
- férséth** *noun.* stick (long and thin).
- fértsési** *verb.* net.
- fértu** *noun.* scar. *Category:* **Body.**
- férék** *noun.* blood. *Category:* **Body.**
- féréntéth** *noun.* poison tree. *derris pinata.* *Category:* **Plant.**
- fésisi** *verb.* count.
- féséngési** *verb.* blow.
- fét** *noun.* stilt tree. *Category:* **Plant.**
- féta** *number.* thirty six (36). *Category:* **Number.**
- féthé** when.
- féthér** *noun.* eucalyptus type. *eucalyptus sp.* *NOTE:* used for timber (canoe, house) *Category:* **Plant.**
- fétrak** *noun.* banana leaf (green).
- féts** *noun.* forest. *Category:* **Nature, environment.**
- fétsents** *noun.* wife. *Category:* **Relationships.**
- fétsü** movment of one's arms (e.g.: used for swimming).
- fétéfakési** *verb.* 1 • pull off.  
2 • take off.
- féyüsi** *verb.* swallow.
- föntsési** *verb.* burn.



**föngwath** *noun*. snake type. *Category: Animal, Reptile.*

**füsüs** *noun*. wind, breeze. *Category: Wind, Weather.*

## K - k

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**kafar** *adjective*. big.

**kafara** *noun*. plant type. *bromeleacea sp.* *NOTE: used for wrapping food* *Category: Plant.*

**kaimät** *noun*. wife of a woman's brother, used reciprocally. *Category: Relationships.*

**kakru** *noun*. magpie lark. *Category: Bird, Animal.*

**kam** *noun*. bone. *Category: Body.*

**kambe** *noun*. man. *Category: Relationships.*

**kamboth** *noun*. snake (general). *Category: Animal, Reptile.*

**kamboth kamboth** *noun*. tuckeroo. *cupaniopsis sp.* *NOTE: used for timber (house post)* *Category: Plant.*

**kanmothé** *noun*. snake type (river). *Category: Animal, Reptile.*

**kanta kanta** *noun*. yamcake. *Category: Work and occupation, Prepositioned food.*

**kantangar** *adjective*. rich, wealthy.

**kants kants** *noun*. plant type. *clematis novo-guinensis.* *NOTE: medical use, leaves are put on skin (grille), forehead (headache), nose (running nose)* *Category: Plant.*

**kantskantsthé** *adjective*. crooked, bent.

**kar** *noun*. place, village. *Category: Work and occupation.*

**karaf** *noun*. paddle. *Category: Work and occupation.*

**karesa** *noun*. 1 • roof. *Category: Work and occupation.*

2 • tree type. *melaleuca sp.* *NOTE: bark used for roofing and as torch* *Category: Plant.*

**kari nrrau nrrau** *noun*. jungle nightjar. *Category: Bird, Animal.*

**karku** *noun*. tree type. *pouteria sp.* *NOTE: used for timber* *Category: Plant.*

**karkési** *verb*. pull.

**karo** *noun*. 1 • ground oven. *Category: Work and occupation, Cooking methods.*

2 • anthill. *Category: Animal home, Animal, Animal actions.*

**karokaro** *noun*. goanna type. *Category: Animal, Reptile.*

**karwäsi** *noun*. lie.

**kata** *noun*. bamboo knife. *Category: Work and occupation.*

**kata kata** *noun*. sedge (grass type). *carex sp.* *NOTE: used for cleaning, mixed with ashes and used like a sponge* *Category: Plant.*

**kata wiwi** *noun*. tree type. *pentaphalangium sp.* NOTE: edible fruit (like mango) Category: **Plant**.

**katan** *adjective*. small.

**kathér kathér** *noun*. plant type. *bridelia sp.* NOTE: edible fruit, leafes used for rolling smoke Category: **Plant**.

**katré** *noun*. palm type. *hydriastele sp.* NOTE: used for flooring Category: **Plant**.

**kayé** *noun*. yesterday, tomorrow.

**käfe** *noun*. sulphur crested cockatoo. Category: **Bird, Animal**.

**keke** *particle*. no.

**kembi kembi** *noun*. grille, fungal disease.

**kemäri** *noun*. tree type. *xanthostemon sp.* NOTE: medical use, bark is mixed with water, drink it Category: **Plant**.

**ker** *noun*. tail.

**kerko** *noun*. headdress. Category: **Work and occupation**.

**keräfi** *noun*. 1 • palm type. *hydriastele sp.* NOTE: used for flooring Category: **Plant**.

2 • floor. Category: **Work and occupation**.

**kesri** *noun*. tree type. *melaleuca sp.* NOTE: bark used for roofing and as torch Category: **Plant**.

**kéma** *particle*. should, must.

**kéni kéni** *noun*. work.

**ként** *noun*. stars.

**kérsi** *verb*. block off.

**kérémbu** *noun*. swelling. **fäk kérémbu** swollen jaw. Category: **Body, Swell**.

**kéréén** *noun*. yamcake (scraped, rough yam pieces). Category: **Work and occupation**.

**kéti kéti** *noun*. edward's fig parrot. Category: **Bird, Animal**.

**kiki tambrai** *noun*. big star in the west.

**kirakira** *noun*. fence (vertical sticks with many horizontal ones). Category: **Work and occupation**.

**kisésr** *noun*. lizard type. Category: **Animal, Reptile**.

**kntewawa** *noun*. firefly. Category: **Animal, Insect**.

**kofä** *noun*. fish. Category: **Fish, Animal**.

**komntso** only, just, still.

**kowi** *noun*. chicken. Category: **Bird, Animal**.

**krara** *noun*. green parrot. Category: **Bird, Animal**.

**kromäti** *noun*. plant type. *amomum sp.* NOTE: edible fruit (like passionfruit) Category: **Plant**.

**krär** *noun*. kava. *piper methysticum*. NOTE: root is grinded an mixed with water, relaxing effect Category: **Plant**.

**krär krär** *noun*. plant type. *lea indica*. NOTE: medical use, root is cooked a applied to dogs (put on wounds)  
Category: **Plant**.

**krätär** *noun*. tree type. *oriocalis sp.* NOTE: used for timber (paddles, steps) Category: **Plant**.

krüfér

n̄gau n̄gau

**krüfér** *adjective*. cold.

**kufak** *noun*. helmeted friabird. *Category: Bird, Animal.*

**kufraru** *noun*. bamboo pipe. *Category: Musical instrument, Work and occupation.*

**kukufasi** *noun*. papuan scrubwren. *Category: Bird, Animal.*

**kumnta** *noun*. sago basket. *Category: Work and occupation.*

**kumn̄gési** *verb*. smell.

**kursi** *verb*. 1 • split.

2 • open.

**kut** *noun*. trap. *Category: Work and occupation.*

## N̄g - n̄g

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**n̄ga n̄ga** *noun*. hand, finger. *Category: Body.*

**n̄gafi** *noun*. tree type. *syzygium* sp. *NOTE: edible fruit Category: Plant.*

**n̄gambaram** *noun*. *syzygium* sp.

**n̄gambérku** *noun*. tree type. *ficus septica*. *NOTE: medical use Category: Plant.*

**n̄game** *noun*. turner made from bamboo split bamboo. *Category: Work and occupation.*

**n̄gamo** *noun*. magic.

**n̄gan n̄gan** *noun*. white-bellied sea eagle. *Category: Bird, Animal.*

**n̄gani** *noun*. tree type. *endiandra brassii*. *NOTE: fruit is eaten by cassowaries Category: Plant.*

**n̄gan̄ga yam** *noun*. finger print.

**n̄gar** *noun*. waterlily.

**n̄garafü** *noun*. blackboard tree, milkwood pine. *alstonia scholaris*. *NOTE: used for glue Category: Plant.*

**n̄garsi** *verb*. break.

**n̄garénta** *noun*. canoe. *Category: Work and occupation.*

**n̄gaso** *adjective*. wrong, not good.

**n̄gasén mitafo** *noun*. holy spirit.

**n̄gatha n̄gatha** *adjective*. bad.

**n̄gathikési** *verb*. 1 • leave.

2 • stop.

**n̄gau** *noun*. bird that lives by the river. *Category: Bird, Animal.*

**n̄gau n̄gau** *noun*. plant type. *cleisthantos myrianthus*. *NOTE: leaves used to roll smoke Category: Plant.*

**n̄gauya** *adjective*. young, fresh.

**n̄gäs** *noun*. leech (water). *Category: Animal*.

**n̄gäu** *noun*. fish harpoon. *Category: Work and occupation*.

**n̄gëmb** *noun*. black palm. *coryphas sp.* *NOTE: used for flooring, fruit is eaten Category: Plant*.

**n̄gënt** *noun*. clay/mud mixed with water.

**n̄gëngërémb** *noun*. coconut (small, unripe).

**n̄gërri** *noun*. tree type. *acacia sp.* *NOTE: bark used for ségeru Category: Plant*.

**n̄gëréntséri** *noun*. tree type. *chantium sp.* *NOTE: edible fruit Category: Plant*.

**n̄gëthath** *noun*. red-winged parrot. *Category: Bird, Animal*.

**n̄gëthtsi** *noun*. armpit. *Category: Body*.

**n̄gïnt** *noun*. soft meat/skin at the back of the thigh, underneath the buttocks. *Category: Body*.

**n̄gïntum** *noun*. plant type. . *NOTE: used for grey color Category: Plant*.

**n̄giri** *noun*. knife. *Category: Work and occupation*.

**n̄gïth** *noun*. sago wrapper. *Category: Work and occupation*.

**n̄gō** *noun*. grass type. *cyperus sp.* *NOTE: used for weaving and tying Category: Plant*.

**n̄gōmbér** *noun*. plant type. . *NOTE: yellow fruit Category: Plant*.

**n̄gōngéth** *noun*. yellow-faced myna. *Category: Bird, Animal*.

**n̄gōsrin** *noun*. storage object. *Category: Work and occupation*.

**n̄grangér** *noun*. darter. *Category: Bird, Animal*.

**n̄grau** *noun*. red cloud.

**n̄gringri** *noun*. worms, maggots. *Category: Animal*.

**n̄gru** *noun*. shooting star.

**n̄grä** *noun*. slowness.

**n̄gräthé** *adjective*. soft.

## Kw - kw

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**kwa** *particle*. future marker.

**kwakér** *adjective*. late (already passed away).

**kwan** *noun*. shout / noise.

**kwara kwara** *noun*. hooded pitta. *Category: Bird, Animal*.

**kwari kwari** *noun*. top of the head. *Category: Body*.

**kwarsa** *noun*. black bushfowl. *Category: Bird, Animal*.

**kwarék** *noun*. passed away person/animals.

**kwath** *noun*. crow. *Category: Bird, Animal.*

**kwath kwath** *noun*. fringetree. *chionathus ramiflorus*. *NOTE: bark used sometimes chewed with betel*  
*Category: Plant.*

**kwathathér** *noun*. plant type. *tretracera sp.* *NOTE: used for rope* *Category: Plant.*

**kwatsür** *noun*. eel-tailed catfish. *tandan neosilurus ater*. *Category: Fish, Animal.*

**kwatsür kwatsür** *noun*. plant type (kamraj). *helminthostachis zeylanica*. *NOTE: flower is eaten by fish (kwatsür)*  
which then becomes greasy *Category: Plant.*

**kwayan** *noun*. light, bright.

**kwik** *adjective*. sick.

**kwim** *noun*. black wattle, mangium. *acacia mangium*. *NOTE: used for bush rope* *Category: Plant.*

**kwosi** *adjective*. dead.

**kwosi yé** *noun*. puff-backed honeyeater. *Category: Bird, Animal.*

**kwot** *adverb*. properly, again.

**kwras** *noun*. brolga. *Category: Bird, Animal.*

**kwénam** *noun*. srew pine, pandanus palm. *pandanus spiralis*. *NOTE: seeds of the fruit are eaten* *Category: Plant.*

**kwér** *noun*. lime. *Category: Work and occupation.*

**kwérfér** *noun*. wallaby (big wallaby). *Category: Marsupial, Mammal, Animal.*

**kwérman** *noun*. wrapped sago, biskar with fish. *Category: Work and occupation.*

**kwérnar** *noun*. strength.

**kwérro** *noun*. kookaburra. *Category: Bird, Animal.*

**kwéthentsési** *verb*. 1 • turn.

2 • change.

**kwéthéri** *noun*. tree type (bintangur). *calophyllum sp.* *NOTE: used for timber (canoe)* *Category: Plant.*

## N̄w - n̄w

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**n̄war n̄war** *noun*. mud.

**n̄wara** *noun*. goanna type. *Category: Animal, Reptile.*

**n̄wä** *noun*. mosquito. *Category: Animal, Insect.*

**n̄wäném** *noun*. tree type. *syzygium furfuraceum*. *NOTE: edible fruit* *Category: Plant.*

**n̄wéntin** *noun*. saw method making fire. *Category: Work and occupation.*

**n̄wényame** *noun*. clothes. *Category: Work and occupation.*

**n̄wi n̄wi** *noun*. snake type. *Category: Animal, Reptile.*

## M - m

- maf** *interrog.* who, which.
- mamu** *noun.* torres strait imperial pidgeon (pidgeon). *Category:* **Bird, Animal.**
- mane** *interrog.* which.
- mantéma** *adjective.* female. *Category:* **Relationships.**
- mantérari** *noun.* collarbone. *Category:* **Body.**
- maru** *noun.* sugartail glider. *Category:* **Marsupial, Mammal, Animal.**
- marési** *verb.* 1 • see.  
2 • look at.
- matai** *noun.* 1 • tree type (cornbeefwood). *barringtonia apiculata.* *NOTE:* used for timber *Category:* **Plant.**  
2 • type of fish. *Category:* **Fish, Animal.**
- matak** *particle.* not, nothing.
- matar** *adjective.* quiet.
- matso** *noun.* ocean, sea.
- matukénsi** *verb.* wiggle.
- mayawa** *noun.* clan name. *Category:* **Relationships, Family, clan.**
- mä** *interrog.* where.
- mäm** *noun.* food (taro, yam, long yam, cassawa).
- mämbü** *noun.* eucalyptus type. *eucalyptopsis sp.* *NOTE:* used for timber (canoe) *Category:* **Plant.**
- mäme** *noun.* breast (male/female). *Category:* **Body.**
- mäntsü** *noun.* initiation.
- märko** *noun.* stick (short and thick).
- märmär** *noun.* hill, slope.
- märo** *noun.* plant type. *dillenea sp.* *NOTE:* medical use, put on a centipede bite *Category:* **Plant.**
- mät** *noun.* twin, double. *Category:* **Relationships.**
- mätrakési** *verb.* bring out.
- mäyongési** *verb.* repeat.
- mefa** *noun.* australian chashew. *semecarpus sp.* *NOTE:* fruit is eaten, nuts are roasted *Category:* **Plant.**
- mefa mefa** *noun.* tree type. *semecarpus sp.* *NOTE:* like mefa but smaller fruit *Category:* **Plant.**
- mentothér** *noun.* regent whistler. *Category:* **Bird, Animal.**
- ments** *noun.* story man. *Category:* **Supernatural being.**
- menḡé** *noun.* leaf, young palm leaf.

**mer** *noun*. brain. *Category: Body.*

**metsési** *verb*. bring.

**meyö** 1 • *adjective*. sweet.

2 • *noun*. desire.

**méni / moni** *noun*. necklace (shell necklace). *Category: Work and occupation.*

**méni** *noun*. fire. *Category: Work and occupation.*

**méni thamin** *noun*. flame (fire tongue).

**ménto** *noun*. tree type. *maranthis corimbosa*. *NOTE: tree is burned to fertilise the ground Category: Plant.*

**méntrikénsi** *verb*. 1 • stir.

2 • shake.

**ménts** *noun*. house. *Category: Work and occupation.*

**méntsokénsi** *verb*. 1 • dance.

2 • jump up and down.

**ménḡéthkési** *verb*. feed.

**mér** *noun*. neck. *Category: Body.*

**mériméri** *noun*. sweat. *Category: Body functions, Sweat.*

**mérintsési** *verb*. chase out.

**mérmér** *preposition*. inside.

**mérramb** *noun*. bamboo type. *bambusa sp.* *Category: Plant.*

**méräsi** *verb*. stroll.

**mérén** *noun*. family. *Category: Relationships.*

**mésakési** *verb*. sit.

**mésar** *noun*. ant (light brown). *Category: Animal, Insect.*

**méth** *noun*. path. *Category: Nature, environment, Work and occupation.*

**méthekési** *verb*. lift up.

**méthitsési** *verb*. rest.

**méthkasi** *verb*. hollow out. **brubru yéméthkantsér**

**méthkénsi** *verb*. 1 • jolt.

2 • jiggle.

**métse** *noun*. python type. *Category: Animal, Reptile.*

**métök** *noun*. pouteria tree, eggfruit. *pouteria ferma*. *NOTE: leaves used for rolling smoke Category: Plant.*

**méyongési** *verb*. 1 • beg.

2 • ask for.

**min min** *noun*. white-breasted fruit dove. *Category: Bird, Animal.*

**mintsü** *adverb.* very.

**minḡési** *verb.* hang. **nambi wéminḡwé** I hang the bow.

**misokési** *verb.* look up.

**mith** *noun.* forehead. *Category:* **Body.**

**miyantsési** *verb.* 1 • fetch.

2 • bring.

3 • get.

4 • pick up.

**momba** *interrog.* where from.

**mombo** *interrog.* where to.

**monenḡési** *verb.* 1 • wait.

2 • take care of.

**monts** *noun.* trench, ditch. *Category:* **Work and occupation.**

**mora mora** *noun.* tree type. *timonius timon.* **moramora wáméne ane mane yé fefe tsi. woku yéfkathéréth.**

**srarwéréth. nofo srärsitsénwéréth ane fof krätsénomb** the moramora tree is the one for big pain. they peel the bark. they will scrape it. they will squeeze in the water and drink it. *NOTE:* medical use, bark shavings mixed with water applied orally (soothing effect), also used for pigs to calm them down

*Category:* **Plant.**

**mosisi** *verb.* gather.

**mura mura** *noun.* medicine. *Category:* **Work and occupation.**

**mus** *noun.* leech. *Category:* **Animal.**

**müntsakési** *verb.* allow. **mbä namüntsakwé** I allow you (to do...)

**münénḡési** *verb.* mumble. **keke kwot nafan yaritsérem fi ngamünénḡwérém** I didn't hear him properly, he mumbled.

**mür** *noun.* grass type. *cyprus sp.* *NOTE:* used for weaving *Category:* **Plant.**

**müraf** *noun.* tree type. *dodonia viscosa.* *NOTE:* used for arrows, yamsticks *Category:* **Plant.**

## N - n

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**naf** *pronoun.* he, she.

**nafa** *pronoun.* they.

**nafne** *possessive.* his / her.

**nafnéme** *possessive.* their.

**nai nai** *noun.* sweet potatoe. *ipomoea batatas.* *NOTE:* staple food *Category:* **Plant.**

**naifa** *noun.* machete. *Category:* **Work and occupation.**

**nakum** *noun.* sister and her husband <-> her sisters husband (recip). *Category:* **Relationships.**



**nakumngési** *verb.* cool down. **mbi kwa nganakumngwér** the sago will cool down. **kenakuméth** you cool down!

**nama** *noun.* day before yesterday, day after tomorrow.

**nambi** *noun.* bow. *Category:* **Work and occupation.**

**nambi** *noun.* bamboo type. *bambusa vulgaris.* *Category:* **Plant.**

**namngési** *verb.* breath. **akam wanamngwér** I am out of breath. **wawa namngésikaf yé** the yam has cooled down.

**nane** *noun.* elder sibling.

**nanti** *noun.* stone.

**nanḡ** *noun.* grass skirt. *Category:* **Work and occupation.**

**nanḡusi** *verb.* 1 • stab. **ntse tauri yé nanḡuntsé** I stab the wallaby.  
2 • poke.

**narsi** *verb.* press down.

**nasi** *noun.* yam (long yam). *NOTE:* staple food, special significance *Category:* **Plant, Food from plants, Food, Types of food.**

**nawan** *noun.* waterhole dug by animals. **nä** some, another. **nä kayé ...** the other day, ...

**nämbi** *number.* one. *Category:* **Number.**

**nämbüsi** *verb.* 1 • beat.

2 • smash.

3 • hit.

**nemba** *adjective.* opposite.

**néfi** *noun.* breadfruit. *arthocarpus atilis.* *NOTE:* edible fruit *Category:* **Plant.**

**némai** *particle.* always, often.

**némbrok** *noun.* mushroom. *NOTE:* edible *Category:* **Plant, Food.**

**néntsühtsési** *verb.* 1 • cover with soil.

2 • paint with mud.

**néngath** *noun.* friend, mate, close friend. *Category:* **Relationships.**

**néngē** *noun.* child. *Category:* **Relationships.**

**néngom** *noun.* wife's brother, used reciprocally. *Category:* **Relationships.**

**néngéth** *noun.* younger sibling. *Category:* **Relationships.**

**ner** *noun.* belly. *Category:* **Body.**

**ni** *pronoun.* we.

**nima** like this.

**no** *noun.* 1 • water. **nor yak** he goes for water.

2 • rain. **no ngarüntsér** rain falls.

**nono** *noun*. breast. *Category: Body.*

**nömä** *noun*. yamcake (made from long yams). *Category: Work and occupation.*

**nöntsési** *noun*. low tide.

**nöntsési** *verb*. 1 • recede. **tétfö nganötsér** the creek is receding; the water level is going down.  
2 • lower.

**nümngār** *noun*. crocodile. *Category: Animal, Reptile.*

**nümé** *noun*. last week, next week (more than 3 days).

## Ng - ng

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**ngafe** *noun*. father. *Category: Relationships.*

**ngambérém** *noun*. mullet. *Category: Fish, Animal.*

**ngame** *noun*. mother. *Category: Relationships.*

**ngamün** *noun*. papuan black snake (big). *Category: Animal, Reptile.*

**ngant** *noun*. rope. *Category: Work and occupation.*

**ngants** *noun*. row in the garden. *Category: Work and occupation.*

**ngao** *noun*. great billed heron (smaller type). *Category: Bird, Animal.*

**ngarake** *noun*. fence, garden. *Category: Work and occupation.*

**ngare** *noun*. woman. *Category: Relationships.*

**ngare wéth wéth** *noun*. plant type. *helica latifolia*. *NOTE: no use Category: Plant.*

**ngarér** *noun*. bandicoot. *Category: Marsupial, Mammal, Animal.*

**ngarés** *noun*. river. *Category: Nature, environment.*

**ngasarü** *noun*. star formation, small group of stars.

**ngatha** *noun*. dog. *Category: Mammal, Animal.*

**ngatsi** *noun*. cocos nucifera (coconut).

**ngatsi ngatsi** *noun*. tree type. *exocarpus sp.* *NOTE: bark used for yellow colour, dried resin chewed like gum*  
*Category: Plant.*

**ngatér** *noun*. string.

**ngofu ngofu** *noun*. bullroarer. *Category: Work and occupation.*

**ngongoyam** *noun*. voice.

**ngoti** *noun*. cuscus. *Category: Marsupial, Mammal, Animal.*

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**O - o**


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**ofa** *adjective.* light, not heavy.

**ororo** *noun.* slope, hill.

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**R - r**


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**ra** *interrog.* what.

**raf** *noun.* tide.

**raf térkér** *noun.* high tide.

**rafinḡési** *verb.* 1 • put up.

2 • sit up.

**rakéthkési** *verb.* 1 • put up.

2 • sit up.

**rata** *noun.* ladder. *Category:* **Work and occupation.**

**ratu ratu** *noun.* bamboo pipes (2). *Category:* **Musical instrument, Work and occupation.**

**rensi** *verb.* sweep.

**riféhtsési** *verb.* hide. **ngatsi wériféhtsé** I hide the coconut.

**rikénsi** *verb.* destroy.

**rinakési** *verb.* pour.

**rirfakési** *verb.* kill. **yérirfakwé** I kill him.

**risokési** *verb.* look down.

**ritakési** *verb.* 1 • cross over. **ntsä kräritsé ngares** I will cross over the river.

2 • change. **tsokwasi ritakési** translate the language.

**rnts** *noun.* embers.

**rokar** *noun.* things, stuff.

**rot** *noun.* fence (built up type). *Category:* **Work and occupation.**

**runḡa** *noun.* pig. *Category:* **Animal.**

**runḡa bénḡu** *noun.* chestnut rail. *Category:* **Bird, Animal.**

**runḡa runḡa** *noun.* tree type. *gmelina ledermanii.* *NOTE:* used for kundu drums *Category:* **Plant.**

**rusa** *noun.* deer. *Category:* **Mammal, Animal.**

**rusi** *verb.* 1 • shoot. **tauri saménḡé** I shot the wallaby.

2 • spear.

**rätsési** *verb.* erect.

**réfikési** *verb.* 1 • grow. **srak yérfikwér** the boy grows (up).

2 • nurture. **ntse srak yérfikwé** I nurture the boy.

**réfifakési** *verb.* answer.

**réfkwési** *verb.* 1 • sprinkle.

2 • spread out.

**réfthakési** *verb.* burst sth. **ngatsi wérféthakwé** I poke / burst the coconut.

**réfukénsi** *verb.* grab. **tsarfukénéth** they (2) grabbed each other / hugged each other.

**réfäsi** *verb.* hop.

**référsi** *verb.* trim.

**réfétsési** *verb.* 1 • get stuck.

2 • trap.

**rékuréku** *noun.* riverbank.

**rékusi** *verb.* pick up (from above).

**réma** *interrog.* why.

**rémbenḡési** *verb.* 1 • protect. **wérémbenḡwé** I protect her.

2 • separate.

**rémbäntsési** *verb.* untie. **ngant yérémbäntsé** I untie the rope.

**rémbätsési** *verb.* forbid.

**rémingési** *verb.* 1 • stitch.

2 • sow.

**rémithrakési** *verb.* 1 • join. **kwamithrakwéréth wäménen songasir** They joined by the tree for climbing.

2 • put together.

**rémunḡési** *verb.* 1 • stare. **mbinḡonḡo kwanen ngarmunḡérnéth** the two birds (crested pitohui) are watching each other singing.

2 • envy.

**rémänsi** *verb.* close. **tsérfö wérmänwé** I close the door.

**rémérsi** *verb.* 1 • rub.

2 • grind.

**rénanḡéthkési** *verb.* put in a tree fork.

**rénintsési** *verb.* 1 • smile.

2 • make a face.

**réntsém** *interrog.* how many / how much.

**réntsémtsési** *verb.* press together.

**rénémnḡési** *verb.* strip off.

rén̄gēngēsi

**rén̄gēngēsi** *verb.* 1 • take off.

2 • pull off.

**rén̄gēfakési** *verb.* recognize.

**rén̄gési** *verb.* put on.

**résérsi** *verb.* poison the swamp.

**résörsi** *verb.* 1 • descend.

2 • climb down.

**réthakusi** *verb.* spray (liquid). **ntse tsérsam yérthakwuntsé** I spray / spit the saliva.

**réthambrakési** *verb.* 1 • stick. **mbith yérthambran̄wér brubrun** The Honey sticks on the drum.

2 • glue.

**réthé** *if.*

**réthé** *interrog.* when.

**réthembrakési** *verb.* 1 • write.

2 • put sth. on a wall.

**rétsarsi** *verb.* adopt. **fi yértsarwé** I adopt him.

**rétsasi** *verb.* bake.

**rétsiféthakési** *verb.* 1 • push down. **tsüärtsiféth** They have pushed me down.

2 • push over.

**rétsitsénsi** *verb.* squeeze. **ngatsi sam wértsitsénwére** We squeeze the coconut juice.

**rétsömbntsési** *verb.* cover, close.

**rétsüwäsi** *verb.* complain about. **naf fi yértsüwäntsérém** He complained about him.

**rétémakési** *verb.* cut. **tuti yértémakwér** He cut the branch.

**réténsi** *verb.* pull off.

**réwokési** *verb.* heal. **naf fi yérwokwér** He heals him.

**rürü kwan** *noun.* thunder (close).

## S - s

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**saisai** *noun.* drizzle, light rain.

**saka** *noun.* mustard (used for chewing betel). *Category:* **Plant.**

**sam** *noun.* liquid.

**sambu** *noun.* the wife of a man's younger brother, used reciprocally. *Category:* **Relationships.**

**samböm** *noun.* seat made from branches. *Category:* **Work and occupation.**

**sami** *noun.* eagle. *Category:* **Bird, Animal.**

**sanḡafa** *noun.* stone axe. *Category:* **Work and occupation.**

**sanḡara** *noun.* clan name. *Category:* **Relationships, Family, clan.**

**saraka** *noun.* fence (vertical sticks with few horizontal ones). *Category:* **Work and occupation.**

**sarawiyé** *noun.* brown oriole. *Category:* **Bird, Animal.**

**sas** *noun.* plant type. *pouteria sp.* *NOTE:* nuts are used for decoration *Category:* **Plant.**

**sämintsési** *verb.* 1 • teach. **kambe yésämintsé** I teach the man.

2 • whisper.

**säsä** *noun.* australian owlet-nightjar (owl). *Category:* **Bird, Animal.**

**se** *noun.* bark used for fire and lighting up the dancing place. *Category:* **Work and occupation.**

**sékiséki** *noun.* sitting platform. *Category:* **Work and occupation.**

**sékwri** *noun.* coconut flesh mixed with water. eaten cold.

**sémbü sémbü** *noun.* pleomele, song of india. *dracaena angustifolia.* *NOTE:* used for decorations (grass skirts, headdresses) *Category:* **Plant.**

**sén** *noun.* taro stem.

**séntsé** *noun.* crayfish (river). *Category:* **Fish, Animal.**

**sénḡu** *noun.* plug. *Category:* **Work and occupation.**

**sére mbi** *noun.* sago type. *metroxyllon sagu.* *NOTE:* staple food *Category:* **Plant.**

**séritsési** *verb.* 1 • push into.

2 • plug.

**sérmints** *noun.* rainbow.

**sésaméthé** *noun.* milkwood. *taberna montana orientalis.* *NOTE:* medical use, liquid from stalk is applied to the navel of a new-born *Category:* **Plant.**

**sésämbéth** *noun.* choriceras sp.

**sét** *noun.* doughwood. *melicope sp.* *NOTE:* dried resin is chewed by children, bark shaving are sprinkled in the yamhouse to deter rats *Category:* **Plant.**

**séthnḡe** *noun.* pinkie. *Category:* **Body.**

**séthä** *noun.* goanna type. *Category:* **Animal, Reptile.**

**sétsési** *verb.* call. **sas** You call him! **yistsé** He calls him.

**séwi** *noun.* little egret. *Category:* **Bird, Animal.**

**si** *noun.* eye. *Category:* **Body.**

**si brubru** *adjective.* blind.

**si sam** *noun.* tear. *Category:* **Body functions.**

**si yawar yawar** *noun.* tree type. *syzygium sp.* *NOTE:* edible, sour fruit *Category:* **Plant.**

**sifraku** *noun.* flute (panpipe). *Category:* **Work and occupation.**

**sifrén** *noun*. grassknife. *Category*: **Work and occupation**.

**siroro** *noun*. yellow-billed kingfisher. *Category*: **Bird, Animal**.

**sirsir** *noun*. feathertail glider. *Category*: **Marsupial, Mammal, Animal**.

**sisi fäféth** *noun*. charcoal.

**sonḡ** *noun*. small spear from bamboo. *Category*: **Work and occupation**.

**sonḡési** *verb*. 1 • ascend. **ntse nafan tsuwason̄wé** I have brought it down for her.

2 • climb up. **ngatsi kesömbäth** You (1) climb the coconut tree!

**srak** *noun*. boy. *Category*: **Relationships**.

**surita** *noun*. tree type. *endiandra sp.* *NOTE*: no use *Category*: **Plant**.

**sweki** *noun*. brown quail. *Category*: **Bird, Animal**.

**swäri** *noun*. milkwood. *astonia actenophyla*. *NOTE*: used for glue *Category*: **Plant**.

**süfi** *noun*. floating grass. *setaria sp.* *NOTE*: no use *Category*: **Plant**.

**sün** *noun*. dirt.

**süsüfär** *noun*. plant type. *polyathia sp.* *NOTE*: used spring for a trap, medical use, bark mixed with water against shortwind *Category*: **Plant**.

**süsümbäth** *adjective*. dark (no light).

**sütr** *noun*. wallaby (middle sized wallaby). *Category*: **Marsupial, Mammal, Animal**.

## Th - th

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**thaf** *adjective*. bitter.

**thafakési** *verb*. mix.

**thak** *noun*. place (ashes). *Category*: **Work and occupation**.

**thakthak** *noun*. law.

**thame thame** *noun*. person that doesnt speak properly.

**thamin** *noun*. tongue. *Category*: **Body**.

**thantsési** *verb*. 1 • uncover.

2 • open.

**tharasi** *verb*. go underneath.

**thari** *noun*. style.

**tharisi** *verb*. dig. **ntun̄ga yétharintsé** I dig the taro.

**tharukési** *verb*. put in open container.

**tharémbär** *noun*. cage for the pig. *Category*: **Work and occupation**.

**thatha thatha** *noun*. grass type. *poaceae sp.* *NOTE*: edible (like sugarcane), eaten by wallabies, used to soften the ground under a mat *Category*: **Plant**.

**thäfém** *noun*. wave.

**thäkénsi** *verb*. 1 • jolt.

2 • shake.

**thämbu** *noun*. hair. *Category*: **Body**.

**thärkusi** *verb*. 1 • crawl.

2 • drag.

**thätsürakési** *verb*. 1 • bump into.

2 • help.

**thefath** *noun*. burning (first cycle).

**théfinḡési** *verb*. push.

**théfäsi** *verb*. fly. *Category*: **Animal, Insect**.

**thékarthé** *adjective*. hard.

**thékäfékési** *verb*. 1 • start.

2 • begin.

**thékér thékér** *noun*. calf. *Category*: **Body**.

**thém / thm** *noun*. nose. *Category*: **Body**.

**thém sam** *noun*. snot, mucus. *Category*: **Mucus, Body functions**.

**thémboth** *noun*. ant (small black). *Category*: **Animal, Insect**.

**thémsakési** *verb*. spread.

**thént** *noun*. middle.

**théntsös** *noun*. bark of the kwim tree (when dry).

**thénḡ** *noun*. soft part above the collarbone. *Category*: **Body**.

**thénḡusi** *verb*. 1 • forget. **mbone yéf ntse wéthénḡuntsé** I forget you name.

2 • mix up.

**thérma** *preposition*. later.

**thérsi** *verb*. tear. **yéthérwé**

**théthakési** *verb*. 1 • pin.

2 • nail.

**théthéfér** crazy, funny, clown-like.

**thétsin** *noun*. type of fish. *Category*: **Fish, Animal**.

**théwai théwai** *noun*. tree type. *elaecarpus sp.* *NOTE*: medical use, bark is mixed with water against shortwind *Category*: **Plant**.

**théwé** *noun*. catfish. *Category*: **Fish, Animal**.



**thm n̄énḡéremb** *noun*. nasal septum (lit. nose soft-part). *Category: Body*.

**thomn̄ési** *verb*. help.

**thorakési** *verb*. 1 • look for.

2 • seek.

3 • search.

4 • arrive.

**thorsi** *verb*. 1 • put inside.

2 • fill sth.

3 • enter.

**thru thru** *noun*. bamboo type. *bambusa sp.* *Category: Plant*.

**thusi** *verb*. 1 • fold.

2 • bend.

**thuwak** *noun*. shoulder. *Category: Body*.

**thü** *noun*. waria waria, melaleuca. *melaleuca sp.* *NOTE: medical use (steam inhaled) Category: Plant*.

## T - t

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**tafét** *noun*. tree type. *NOTE: bark is used for grass skirts Category: Plant*.

**tak** *noun*. pandanus. *pandanus sp.* *NOTE: used for making grassskirts, roots are soaked and then smashed Category: Plant*.

**tambrü** *noun*. navel. *Category: Body*.

**tambuthui** *number*. five. *Category: Number*.

**tambuthui nimbo** *number*. six. *Category: Number*.

**tan̄ga** *noun*. leaf.

**tar** *noun*. friend. *Category: Relationships*.

**taratsü** *noun*. 1 • headdress (cassowary). *Category: Traditional clothing, Work and occupation*.

2 • pandanus. *pandanus sp.* *NOTE: used for weaving Category: Plant*.

**tarumba** *number*. two hundred sixteen (216). *Category: Number*.

**tatkwénam** *noun*. tree type. *endiandra sp.* *NOTE: no use recorded Category: Plant*.

**tauri** *noun*. wallaby (bush wallaby). *Category: Marsupial, Mammal, Animal*.

**tawako** *noun*. grey crowned babbler. *Category: Bird, Animal*.

**tawasri** *noun*. bow bracer. *Category: Work and occupation*.

**tayo** *adjective*. ripe, dry.

**tämén** *noun*. pandanus. *pandanus sp.* *NOTE: used for weaving Category: Plant*.

**tätü** *noun*. coconut shell.

**täwämb** *noun*. bamboo type. *bambusa sp.* Category: **Plant**.

**tek** *noun*. while, time.

**terén** *noun*. melaleuca sp.

**téf** *noun*. spot.

**téfkak** *noun*. grass type.

**téfér téfér** *noun*. tree type. *fegria sp.* NOTE: used for timber (house posts) Category: **Plant**.

**tématém** *noun*. method, way, time.

**témma** *noun*. strength.

**ténetsési** *verb*. train.

**téngafü** *noun*. club (wooden). Category: **Work and occupation**.

**téntari** *adjective*. yellow.

**ténts** *adjective*. short.

**térkér** *noun*. flood.

**térna** *noun*. stalk of a cocnut leaf.

**tértha** *noun*. life.

**térén** *noun*. chest. Category: **Body**.

**térénsi** *verb*. carry.

**térént** *noun*. licuala sp (black palm).

**tétauri** *noun*. spider. Category: **Animal, Spider**.

**tétfö** *noun*. creek.

**téthe** *noun*. burning (second cycle).

**tétrayém** *noun*. goanna type. Category: **Animal, Reptile**.

**tétüsi** *verb*. 1 • write.

2 • mark.

3 • paint.

**téwi téwi** *noun*. grey goshawk. Category: **Bird, Animal**.

**tif tif** *noun*. counting tally. **kambef wawa tif tif yéfathwér** the man is holding the yam counting tally.

Category: **Work and occupation**.

**timer** *noun*. tree type. *mallotus sp.* NOTE: bark with water is given to dogs in order to bite better Category: **Plant**.

**timur** *noun*. saptree, mangosteen. *garcinia huntstenii*. NOTE: bark used for ségeru Category: **Plant**.

**tinga** *noun*. red parrot. Category: **Bird, Animal**.

**tiyar** *noun*. spear for fishing. Category: **Work and occupation**.

**tofar** *noun*. sago type. *metroxyllon sp.* NOTE: staple food Category: **Plant**.

**toku toku** *noun*. bar-shouldered dove. Category: **Bird, Animal**.

**tokuya** *noun.* palm cockatoo. *Category:* **Bird, Animal.**

**tontse** *adjective.* close.

**tosai** *noun.* baby. *Category:* **Relationships.**

**tothe tothe** *noun.* tickling, tingle.

**totoman** *noun.* cockroach. *Category:* **Animal, Insect.**

**toyé** *noun.* lightning.

**töna** *noun.* inland, high ground. *Category:* **Nature, environment.**

**trakumngési** *verb.* smash.

**trakési** *verb.* drop. **n̄giri wétrakwé** I drop the knife. **ntsä ngatrakwé** I fall. **kayé ntsä tsätré** I fell yesterday.

**transi** *verb.* 1 • sharpen.

2 • carve.

**tran̄g** *noun.* treefork.

**trikasi** 1 • *noun.* story.

2 • *verb.* tell, speak.

**trikasi** 1 • *verb.* tell.

2 • *verb.* report.

3 • *noun.* story.

**tro** 1 • *noun.* python type. *Category:* **Animal, Reptile.**

2 • *noun.* tree type. *melaleuca sp.* *NOTE:* used for timber (canoe), bark used as torch (bark) *Category:* **Plant.**

**trrau** *noun.* forest kingfisher. *Category:* **Bird, Animal.**

**tru** *noun.* tree type, palm type. *cyrtostachys sp.* *NOTE:* used for flooring *Category:* **Plant.**

**tru tru** *noun.* current / stream.

**tuafthé** *adjective.* 1 • hot.

2 • dry.

**tuba** *noun.* tree type. *flinderisia sp.* *NOTE:* dried resin burns like candles, used for timber *Category:* **Plant.**

**tumban̄g** *noun.* harpoon. *Category:* **Work and occupation.**

**tumbatumb** *noun.* small hill.

**turama** *noun.* python (general). *Category:* **Animal, Reptile.**

**turarémb** *noun.* plant type. *bridelia sp.* *NOTE:* edible fruit *Category:* **Plant.**

**tuth** *noun.* paddy oats, melinjo. *gnetum gnemon.* *NOTE:* used for firewood, young tree used for fishing nets, edible fruit *Category:* **Plant.**

**tuti** *noun.* branch.

**tutufri** *noun.* coconut (small and unripe).

**tuwari tuwari** *noun.* plant type. *schizaea sp.* *NOTE:* no use *Category:* **Plant.**

**tūf** *noun.* soft ground.

**tūfér** *adjective.* many.

**tütü** *noun.* lesser black coucal. *Category:* **Bird, Animal.**

## Nt - nt

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**ntambethé** *adjective.* thick.

**ntamno** *number.* one thousand two hundred nintysix (1296). *Category:* **Number.**

**ntanangk** *noun.* weeds eaten by fish.

**ntanḡal** *noun.* dugon. *Category:* **Mammal, Animal, Sea mammal.**

**ntanḡon** 1 • *noun.* food. *Category:* **Food.**

2 • *verb.* eat. **kwérman yanathé** I eat the kwérman.

**ntanḡu** *noun.* python type. *Category:* **Animal, Reptile.**

**ntanḡu tséthé** *noun.* cone of a tree (ntangu) used for conserving fire.

**ntanḡwas** *noun.* elbow. *Category:* **Body.**

**ntao** *noun.* garden. *Category:* **Work and occupation.**

**ntarémbu** *noun.* plant type. *anthorhiza sp.* *NOTE:* used like grinding stone to remove hard skin (e.g. on one's foot)  
*Category:* **Plant.**

**ntasi** *noun.* lump, bulge. *Category:* **Body, Swell.**

**ntathnḡir** *noun.* lizard type. *Category:* **Animal, Reptile.**

**nteyé** *noun.* wallaby (forest). *Category:* **Marsupial, Mammal, Animal.**

**nték nini** *noun.* praying mantis. *Category:* **Animal, Insect.**

**ntémbirko** *noun.* club (stone disc). *Category:* **Work and occupation.**

**ntémbän** *noun.* tree type. *lamiodendron sp.* *NOTE:* used for timber (paddles) *Category:* **Plant.**

**ntémbätséri** *noun.* tree type. *schizomeria serrota.* *NOTE:* brown, sour tasting fruit *Category:* **Plant.**

**ntémbérthé** *noun.* plant type. *melochea sp.* *NOTE:* medical use, root is cooked, powerful plant against all kinds of  
sickness *Category:* **Plant.**

**ntémbömsé** *adjective.* blunt.

**ntémnḡwér** *noun.* dendrobium sp (orchid).

**ntémnḡwéri** *noun.* melaleuca sp (waria waria).

**ntémtsü** *noun.* lake.

**nténtak** *noun.* blue tongue. *melastoma afine.* *NOTE:* medical use, leafes chewed against pain *Category:* **Plant.**

**nténgā** *verb.* 1 • gills.

2 • tree fork (one if two branches).

**ntéré́n** *noun*. duck. *Category: Bird, Animal.*

**ntéré́ngathé** *adjective*. dry.

**nté́rü** *noun*. tree type. *melaleuca sp.* *NOTE: used for timber Category: Plant.*

**nti** *noun*. back of the head. *Category: Body.*

**ntimbé ntimbé** *noun*. tree type. *timonius sp.* *NOTE: edible fruit, eaten by cassowaries Category: Plant.*

**ntinnḡwä** *noun*. tree type. *abrus sp.* *NOTE: seeds were used to write in the dust in the mission school Category: Plant.*

**ntinḡ nting** *noun*. tree type. *timonius sp.* *NOTE: medical use, bark mixed with water for women after giving birth Category: Plant.*

**ntir ntir** *noun*. lory. *Category: Bird, Animal.*

**ntmbérthé** *noun*. tree kind.

**ntnt** *noun*. worm. *Category: Animal.*

**ntokre** *noun*. frog. *Category: Animal, Reptile.*

**ntombakwr** *noun*. eel. *Category: Fish, Animal.*

**ntö** *noun*. goanna type. *Category: Animal, Reptile.*

**ntö ntö** *noun*. broom. *Category: Work and occupation.*

**ntrint** *noun*. scales.

**ntträri** *noun*. container made of bamboo. *Category: Work and occupation.*

**ntunḡa** *noun*. taro. *colocasia sp.* *NOTE: staple food Category: Plant, Food, Types of food.*

**ntüfér** *noun*. headdress (cassowary). *Category: Work and occupation.*

**ntümbam** *noun*. cassowary (big). *Category: Bird, Animal.*

**ntür** *adjective*. fat

## Nts - nts

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**tsafat** *noun*. week.

**tsafe** *adjective*. old, aient.

**tsan** *verb*. hit. **tauri yéfntsé** I hit/kill the wallaby. **sakwér** You hit him!

**tsane** *pro-form*. this.

**tsanfér** *adjective*. tall.

**tsanḡér** *adjective*. far.

**tsarfa** *noun*. ear. *Category: Body.*

**tsartsési** *verb*. tie.

**tsaru** *noun*. candlenut. *aleutrites mollucana.* *NOTE: nuts are boiled and dried (sold in Sota) Category: Plant.*

**tsathar** *noun*. tree type. *melaleuca sp.* *NOTE: bark is used for roofing and as torch Category: Plant.*

**tsawafi** *noun*. armband (woven rattan). *Category: Work and occupation.*

**tsawe** *adjective*. right.

**tsä** *pro-form*. here.

**tsäre** *noun*. shade.

**tsärethé** *adjective*. shady.

**tsena** *noun*. today.

**tsé** *particle*. already.

**tséfro** *noun*. tree type. *syzygium sp.* *NOTE: used for timber Category: Plant.*

**tséféth** *noun*. base of sth.

**tsékénsi** *verb*. move.

**tsémbär** *noun*. night, darkness.

**tsémbärthé** *noun*. papuan black snake. *Category: Animal, Reptile.*

**tsémén** *noun*. hip. *Category: Body.*

**tsénsä** *noun*. work.

**tsér** *noun*. tooth. *Category: Body.*

**tsérmints** *noun*. roots (tooth + vine).

**tsérsam** *noun*. spit. *Category: Spit, saliva, Body functions.*

**tsérthé** *adjective*. sharp.

**tsértsü** *noun*. knee. *Category: Body.*

**tsérwar** *noun*. turtle (ocean). *Category: Animal, Reptile.*

**tséthé** *noun*. penis. *Category: Body.*

**tsétsarfa** *noun*. plant type. . *NOTE: used like ginger Category: Plant.*

**tsétsin** *noun*. fish type.

**tsétsémenḡési** *verb*. 1 • accuse.

2 • blaim.

**tsi** *noun*. painoun. *Category: Body, Pain.*

**tsimu** *noun*. snot, mucus. *Category: Mucus, Body functions.*

**tsinakési** *verb*. 1 • put down.

2 • swim (?)

**tsirthé** *adjective*. wet.

**tsisé** *adjective*. strong.

**tsith tsith** *noun*. slipping, slippery.

**tsitsi** *noun*. afternoon. **nameya tsitsi** good afternoon. *Category: Time of the day.*

**tsitsi** *noun*. afternoon.

**tsokwasi** *noun*. language, speech.

**tson** *noun*. plant type (legume). *fabaceae sp.* NOTE: medical use, liquid from shoots is eaten Category: **Plant**.

**tsök** *noun*. catfish. Category: **Fish, Animal**.

**tsöt** *noun*. tree type. . NOTE: used for grass skirts Category: **Plant**.

**tsra** *noun*. swamp. Category: **Nature, environment**.

**tsras** *noun*. grass type. *cyperasus sp.* NOTE: used for weaving or instead of a mat Category: **Plant**.

**tsrin** *adjective*. heavy.

**tsrin** *verb*. carry. **fitot yétsentsé** I carry the yam-planting-stick.

**tsuaku** *noun*. widow, widower, orphan. Category: **Relationships**.

**tsutsi ngant** *noun*. fishing line. Category: **Work and occupation**.

**tsutsi tsér** *noun*. fishing hook. Category: **Work and occupation**.

**tsuwe tsuwe** *noun*. grey-headed cuckooshrike. Category: **Bird, Animal**.

**tsuyak** *noun*. 1 • python type. Category: **Animal, Reptile**.

2 • tree type. *rhodania sp.* NOTE: glue tree, inner bark (red) is chewed at saliva is used as glue  
Category: **Plant**.

**tsüfi** *noun*. bee, wasp. Category: **Animal, Insect**.

**tsüm** *noun*. centipede. *centipede*. Category: **Animal**.

**tsümb** *noun*. lake (deep).

**tsümbrakési** 1 • *verb*. close eyes.

2 • *verb*. pray. Category: **Pray**.

3 • *noun*. prayer. Category: **Pray**.

**tsürémb** *noun*. tree type (cornbeefwood). *barringtonia sp.* NOTE: medical use, leafes are put on wounds  
Category: **Plant**.

**tsürén** *noun*. smoke.

**tsüyären** *noun*. choriceras sp (for yamsticks).

## Nts - nts

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**ntsafa ntsafa** *noun*. baby basket. Category: **Work and occupation**.

**ntsafar** *noun*. 1 • sky.

2 • cloud.

**ntsambu** *noun*. wing.

**ntsantsa** *noun*. timber worm. Category: **Animal**.

**ntsangūm** *noun*. fly. Category: **Animal, Insect**.

**ntsarwan** *noun*. barramundi. Category: **Fish, Animal**.

**ntsarén̄ga** *noun*. tree type (cardamom?) amomum aculeatum. NOTE: no use Category: **Plant**.

**ntsä** *pronoun*. I.

**ntsäfö** *noun*. plant type. polyosma integrifolia. NOTE: bark is used against snakes to poison their habitats  
Category: **Plant**.

**ntsäthe** *noun*. namesake. Category: **Relationships**.

**ntse** *pronoun*. I.

**ntsenme** *possessive*. our.

**ntsémär** *noun*. grease.

**ntsén̄ga** *noun*. vagina. Category: **Body**.

**ntsérém** *noun*. flower.

**ntsikaka** *noun*. eagle. Category: **Bird, Animal**.

**ntsintsimam** *noun*. dragonfly. Category: **Animal, Insect**.

**ntsinḡfu** *noun*. rainmaking stone. Category: **Weather, Religious things**.

**ntsirét** *noun*. plant type. anon sp. NOTE: medical use, leafes are eaten against general sores Category: **Plant**.

**ntsom** *noun*. tree type. . NOTE: used for grass skirt Category: **Plant**.

**ntstone** *possessive*. my.

**ntsök** *noun*. catfish. Category: **Fish, Animal**.

**ntsönts** *noun*. tree type. terminalia megalocarpa. NOTE: nuts are eaten, soaked in water for some days, baked in  
ground oven Category: **Plant**.

**ntsönts ntsönts** *noun*. tree type. terminalia sp. NOTE: nuts to small to eat Category: **Plant**.

**ntsöyär** *noun*. fawn breasted bowerbird. Category: **Bird, Animal**.

**ntsun** *pronoun*. for me / to me

**ntsürna ngare** *noun*. devil woman, spirit woman. Category: **Miracle, supernatural power, Supernatural being**.

## W - w

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**wakusi** *verb*. 1 • pick up (from below).

2 • collect.

**wambat** *noun*. spade, shovel. Category: **Work and occupation**.

**wani wani** *noun*. 1 • picture. Category: **Work and occupation**.

2 • shadow.

**want** *noun*. tree type. carallia brachiata. NOTE: burned bark is used for black paint Category: **Plant**.

**wantso** *noun*. dream.

**war** *noun*. top part (of the ground).



warfo

**warfo** *preposition*. above, up.

**wari** *noun*. indian coral tree, tiger's claw. *erythrina vareagata*. Category: **Plant**.

**waro** *noun*. theft, stealing.

**warsi** *verb*. 1 • chew.

2 • suck.

**wasi** *noun*. marbled frogmouth (owl). Category: **Bird, Animal**.

**wasisi** *verb*. flash light.

**wath** *noun*. dance, singsing.

**wathé** *noun*. tree type. *endiandra fragrans*. NOTE: yellow fruit Category: **Plant**.

**watsi** *noun*. side.

**watéma** *noun*. daytrip.

**wauka** *noun*. red coloured cloud / sky. Category: **Cloud**.

**wawa** *noun*. yam (round yam). NOTE: staple food Category: **Plant, Food, Types of food**.

**wawér** *noun*. wind (from the east). Category: **Wind, Weather**.

**wayoth** *noun*. cover (for ground oven). Category: **Work and occupation**.

**wäkési** *verb*. 1 • dawn on sb.

2 • sunset on sb.

**wäméne** *noun*. tree (general). Category: **Plant**.

**wänt** *noun*. penis. Category: **Body**.

**wäretsési** *verb*. 1 • throw. **ntuntsi ngawäretsé** I shoot the arrow.

2 • shoot.

**wärkwan** *noun*. thunder (far).

**wäréméké** *number*. seven thousand seven hundred and seventysix (7776). Category: **Number**.

**wäsi** *verb*. 1 • crack.

2 • break.

**wäsi** *noun*. plant type. *ficus sp (strangler)*. NOTE: used for rope Category: **Plant**.

**wätgu** *noun*. pelican. Category: **Bird, Animal**.

**wém** *noun*. stone.

**wém wém** *noun*. tree type. *endiandra sp*. NOTE: scraped roots are put on tobacco leaves to make it stronger  
Category: **Plant**.

**wémbäk** *noun*. vomit. Category: **Body functions**.

**wémbér** *noun*. wind (from the west). Category: **Wind, Weather**.

**wént** *noun*. whirlpool.

**wéri** *noun*. drunk, intoxicated.

**wérwér** *noun*. 1 • banana leaf (dry).

2 • paper. *Category: Work and occupation.*

**wés wés** *noun*. leafflower. *phyllanthus sp.* *NOTE: no use (there is a plant used for rope called wés) Category: Plant.*

**wéth** *noun*. feces, shit. *Category: Body functions, Defecate, feces.*

**wéttsak** *noun*. foot. *Category: Body.*

**wimés** *noun*. mango. *mangifera minor.* *NOTE: edible fruit, bark mixed with water applied orally against snakebites Category: Plant.*

**winu winu** *noun*. madness.

**with** *noun*. banana. *NOTE: staple food Category: Plant, Food from plants, Food.*

**with with** *noun*. plant type. *anon (vine) sp.* *NOTE: edible fruit (like small banana) Category: Plant.*

**woku** *noun*. skin. *Category: Body.*

**worätthé** *adjective*. thin.

**wots** *noun*. bottle. *Category: Work and occupation.*

**wotu** *noun*. stick (walking stick).

**wotér** *noun*. tree type (cornbeefwood). *barringtonia sp.* *NOTE: sign of good (high) ground, flower are a sign for planting Category: Plant.*

## Y - y

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**ya** *noun*. cry, tear.

**yabun** *adjective*. big.

**yaka** *noun*. 1 • digging stick. *Category: Tool, Lifting tool, Work and occupation.*

2 • tree type. *fontania papuana.* *NOTE: used for yam sticks Category: Plant.*

**yakme** *adverb*. fast.

**yakwér** *noun*. wound, sore.

**yam** *noun*. louse lice. *Category: Animal, Insect.*

**yama yama** *adjective*. poor.

**yame** *noun*. mat. *Category: Work and occupation.*

**yamit** *noun*. exchange cousins (reciprocal). *Category: Relationships.*

**yamü yamü** *noun*. bamboo construction. *Category: Work and occupation.*

**yare** *noun*. bag. *Category: Work and occupation.*

**yarsi** *noun*. sleepiness, tiredness.

**yase** *noun*. animal, meat from animals. *Category: Animal.*

**yawéth** *noun*. mount.

yem

**yem** *noun.* cassowary. *Category:* **Bird, Animal.****yem yem** *noun.* tree type. *aceratium sp.* *NOTE:* cassowaries eat the small red fruit *Category:* **Plant.****yéf** *noun.* name.**yéfu** *noun.* tree type.**yéfér** *noun.* tree type. *syzygium sp.* *NOTE:* for black colour *Category:* **Plant.****yéférsé** *adjective.* black.**yéfö** *noun.* hole.**yémbäth yémbäth** *noun.* plant type. *hornstedtia lycostoma.* *NOTE:* edible seeds *Category:* **Plant.****yémi** *noun.* eucalyptus type. *eucalyptus sp.* *NOTE:* used for timber *Category:* **Plant.****yémämü** *noun.* feline owl-nightjar (owl). *Category:* **Bird, Animal.****yémént** *noun.* bird. *Category:* **Bird, Animal.****yéntsérü** *noun.* storch (grey). *Category:* **Bird, Animal.****yérü** *noun.* sign, christian cross. *Category:* **Work and occupation.****yés** *noun.* thorn.**yésokwr** *noun.* 1 • rainy season. *Category:* **Weather.**2 • year. *Category:* **Time, Year.****yéthama** *noun.* bird of paradise. *Category:* **Bird, Animal.****yifu** *noun.* tree type. *syzygium sp.* *NOTE:* fruit eaten by cassowaries *Category:* **Plant.****yir** *noun.* urine. *Category:* **Body functions.****yirwi** *noun.* plant type. *gravelia sp.* *NOTE:* nuts used for hockey game *Category:* **Plant.****yitsér yitsér** *noun.* ant. *Category:* **Animal, Insect.****yongānai** *adjective.* tired.**yorär** *noun.* tree type. *syzygium sp.* *NOTE:* edible, sour fruit *Category:* **Plant.****yumant** *noun.* wife of a man's older brother, used reciprocally. *Category:* **Relationships.****yumar** *noun.* eagle. *Category:* **Bird, Animal.****yusi** *noun.* grass (general).**yür yür** *noun.* veins. *Category:* **Body.****yütsi** *noun.* fruit dove. *Category:* **Bird, Animal.**