Noongar word list

This Noongar word list has been collated as part of Community Arts Network’s Place Names Project in Langford 2018. Community Arts Network (CAN) has a 30-year history of nurturing community arts and cultural development (CACD) practice and delivering artistic excellence with and for communities. We provide a platform that gives creative voice to authentic, diverse and underrepresented stories that have the power to transform communities and challenge assumptions and stereotypes.

Commencing in 2017, Place Names is a five-year arts and language project being delivered in collaboration with local communities across Noongar Country. Place Names builds on Professor Len Collard’s well-established Placenames research; which explores the ‘symbiotic relationship between Noongar language and place that informed Noongar worldview and that eventually merged with and continues to inform Wedjela worldview.’

CAN’s Place Names project takes Professor Collard’s research to community through place naming workshops held in the early stages of community consultation and project development. These early discussions form the basis for knowledge building, creative exploration and expression, facilitated by professional artists in community. The creative outcomes are celebrated and shared with the wider community at the completion of each stage of the project and documented to ensure the legacy for future generations.
**guya**
kooya / guar / gua / guyar / buya
frog

**booja**
boodja / boodjar / budja / boodjah
earth, land, country, birthplace

**beel**
bilya
creek, stream, river

**djiral**
ngarma / narma / gnarma
rock, waterhole

**boorn**
boran / poorn / boorna
plants, wood, stick, flowers, bushes, log

**jilba**
djiral
grass

**marri**
marree / maree
marri seeds, nuts, seeds, pods
kalrup
kaleep / kalup / karriup
sub urb, house, location of your home fire

kornt
mia mia / mia / corn / kwornt
house

kuip
keip / kep / keipa / kaip
water

bidi
biid
path, road, footpath

yakin
yaakin
long necked turtle

moodjar
moodja / moodjah / mudja
christmas tree

kaarla
karla / karl
fire
**koorlangka**
kurlangka / koorlingka
*children*

**manati**
angular / karrak / krarraak
*red tailed cockatoo*

**walbirniny**
*create, make*

**noorn**
*poisonous black snake*

**munda**
monad / mandar
*gathering*

**yanjit**
yanji
*bulrushes*

**bee**
bi / gilgit / be / bei
*fish*
ngurmarn
koorploort / korpleweret / koorpweert
hungry

maara varangimy
hands catching

boiya
boija / bouya / boyer
rocks

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