

THE ADAMAWA LANGUAGES

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Listing as a basis for a comparative wordlist

I. Waja

- i.
 1. Waja [Wɪyáà]
 - a. *Wajan Kasa*
 - b. Deruwo (=Wajan Dutse)
 2. Tula [Kútúlél]
 - a. Wange
 - b. Baule
 - c. Yiri
 3. Daadiya
 4. Awak [Yebu]
 5. Kamo [Maa]
 6. Bangjing [Bànjin-è/èb], (=Bangwinji)
 7. Cham
 - a. Dijim (=Cham)
 - b. Bwilim (=Mwana, Mona)
 - c. Jalabe [=Jalabɛ]
 8. Tso [Tsóbó], (=Lotsu-Piri)
 - a. Bərbóú
 - b. Swààbòù
 - c. Guzubo¹

II. Bikwin-Jen

- i. Bikwin
 1. Buurak-Loo cluster
 - a. Burak [bʊʊrak]
 - b. Loo [Shʊŋɔ]
 2. Mágħdì [=Tala of Kode]
 3. Mak [=LeeMak]
 - a. Panya
 - b. Zoo
 4. Munga-Gomu-Bambuka
 - a. Munga Leelau [Leeláú]
 - b. Moo [Móó], (=Gomu, Gwomum)

¹ Ulli Kleinwillinghöfer (p.c.) observes 'The dialect of Guzubo is quite different, maybe it has to be regarded as another language'.

c. Kyank [Kyák],
(=Bambuka)

ii. Jen

1. Dzà (=Jen, Janjo)
2. Munga Doso [Məŋgáŋ Dosó]
3. Nwá èèzìì (Jòòlè)
4. Tha (Jòòle of Joole Manga)

III. Baa [=Kwa]

IV. Yungur

i.

Yungur

1. Bəna
2. Vɔɔ
3. Lala
 - a. Roba
 - b. Yang
 - c. Bodwai

ii.

Mboi

1. Mboi [Gəna]
2. Handa
3. Banga

iii.

Kaan (=Libo)

V. Longuda

Cerii
Dele
Koola
Wala
Gwaanda
Guyuk

VI. Mumuye-Yendang

i.

Mumuye

1. Central
2. Rang
3. Pang seng

ii.

Yendang

1. Yendang (with Kusheki, Yoti)
2. Waka
3. Bali
4. Kpasham
5. Teme
6. Kumba (=Sate, Yofo)
7. Gengle
8. Kugama

VII. Nyimwom (=Kam)

VIII. Leeko

1. Leeko
2. Perema
3. Nyɔŋ (=Mumbake)
4. Kolbila

IX. Duru

i.

Kutin

1. Pere
Peer muure
Zoŋbi
Dan muure
2. Potopo
3. Patapori

ii.

Vere-Dowayo

1. Koma
Gimne
Gimnime
Koma Ndera
2. Vere
Momi
Mom Jango
Koba (?)
3. Sewe
4. Dowayo
Marke
Teere

iii.

Longto (Voko)

iv.

Dii

1. Mambe
2. Mamna'a
3. Goom
4. Bow
5. Ngbang
6. Phaani
7. Sagzee
8. Vaazin
9. Home
10. Nyok
11. Duupa
12. Panō

Saa

Panō

v.

Duli

1. Duli

2. Gey

X. Mbum

i.

Northern

1.

1. Tupuri
2. Mundang
3. Maŋbai

2.

1. Dama,
2. Ndai (Galke)/Pormi,
3. Kali

ii.

Central

1. Koh, Sakpu
2. Karang, Pana, Njak Mbai, Ngumi, Kārē

iii.

Southern

1. Mbum

East

West

Pana

Kerang

2. Mbere

3. Gbete (Kpere)

Unclassified

1. Pondo

2. Gonge

3. Tale

4. Dek

XI. Fali²

i.

North

1. Fali-Dourbeye

2. Fali-Bossum

3. Bvəri

ii.

South

1. Kaang

2. Fali-Bele

3. Fali-Tinguélin

XII. Nimbari

² Doubts have been raised about the status of Fali as an Adamawa language.

XIII. Day

1. Ndanga
2. Njira
3. Yani
4. Takawa

XIV. Bua

1. Nielim
2. Tunia
3. Bua
4. Mana
5. Laal
6. Bolgo
7. Fanian
8. Koke
9. Noy

XV. Kim

1. Kəsəp
2. Gaarap
3. Gerep
4. Kolop
5. Besme
6. Gundo

Unclassified

Oblo (†)

Also perhaps Laal of Chad.

N.B. This represents a compilation of existing data - not an exercise in lexicostatistics or the use of other subgrouping techniques. My thanks to Ulli Kleinwillinghöfer for corrections to the northwestern [Waja/Bikwin-Jen etc.) languages. There many unresolved issues in the compilation of this classification and further comment from other scholars would be welcome.

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