



Indigenous Language Wordlists

Pitta Pitta Body Parts

Pitta Pitta is the name of the language and Aboriginal people of the Boulia district and extends north towards Mt Isa. Pitta Pitta is also written as Pitapita, Bitha Bitha etc. According to Blake (1979:183), Pitta-Pitta, Ringu-Ringu, Mayawarli, Kunkalanya, Ngulupulu, Karanya and Rakaya are dialects of a language for which there is no obvious name.

The following list identifies parts of the body and their suggested pronunciation.

The Pitta Pitta language heritage and knowledge always remains with the Traditional Owners, language custodians and community members of the Pitta Pitta Nation.

Note: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages were oral-based; there may be several variations in spelling and pronunciation. The following list should be seen as a guide - check with local language speakers/custodians as to the preferred local pronunciation.

English	Pitta Pitta	Pronunciation
Ankle	Marti	Mah-tee
Arm	Kilka	Kill-kah
Armpit	Palya	Pa-lee-ah
Belly	Ngampa	Ngum-pah
Blood	Kimpa	Kim-pah
Calf (Leg)	Tialu	Tee-ah-loo
Cheek	Ngalya	Nga-lee-ah
Chest	Murna	Mur-nah
Ear	Ngara	Nga-rah
Elbow	Mampu	Mum-poo
Eyes	Miyi	Mee-yee
Fingernail	Mungkara	Mung-kah-rah
Fingers	Mati	Mah-tee
Foot	Thina	Thin-ah
Hand	Mara	Mah-ra
Head	Karti	Kar-tee
Hip	Jingku	Jing-koo
Knee	Purnku	Purn-koo
Leg	Karla	Kar-lah

English	Pitta Pitta	Pronunciation
Mouth	Parla	Pah-lah
Nose	Milya	Mill-yah
Shin (Leg)	Pirna	Peer-nah
Skin	Nhala	Nah-lah
Teeth	Mirlka	Meerl-kah
Thigh	Marla	Mah-lah
Throat	Kaya	Kay-ah
Toes	Mati	Mah-tee
Tongue	Tharli	Tharl-ee

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Further Information

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