



Kuruma Word Lists

Elements

Weather

Karnapuka	cloud
Pilarna	summer clouds/summer rain
Manturangu	cloud over a hill
Puntulu	cloud over a hill range
Kantarra	light clouds
Palkarnu/yungu	rain
Wanangu	winter rain
Purlung	rain falling along a hill
Yilikuji	rainbow
Kanaji	lightning/thunder
Yirapinpa	lightning flash in cloud
Jitangu	flood
Wiliwili	cyclone
Punjat	frost
Yulayula	haze
Kawangka	cold south wind

Yilkarri (Sky)

Karruwu/yanta/ yurru	sun
Wilarra	moon
Kinarra	half moon
Warrilangu	hazy circle around the moon
Nguku	star
Pintiri	evening star
Thulpurra	morning star
Karruwarra	falling star/meteorite

Fire

Karla	fire
Thurra	firelight
Karntirri/puyuwartu	smoke
Jurnpa	ashes
Waru	charcoal
Jurnta	hot coals
Pitingu	distant glare from fire at night

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