



Indigenous Ecological Knowledge

Indigenous language names for species

The Atlas of Living Australia acknowledges Australia's Traditional Owners and pays respect to the past and present Elders of the nation's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. We honour and celebrate the spiritual, cultural and customary connections of Traditional Owners to country and the biodiversity that forms part of that country



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Language – Species Pages

- The Species Pages give an overview of all the different types of information available in the ALA about a species. Names form the backbone of how ALA works.

Species names are shown in the "Names" tab

The scientific name is shown here

Other common names for a species are shown here

We are exploring how and where we can show Indigenous language names in the ALA

The screenshot shows the homepage for the species *Dioscorea L.* It includes a search bar, navigation tabs (Overview, Gallery, Names, Classification, Records, Literature, Sequences, Data Partners), and an occurrence records map showing 6,821 records across Australia. There are also sections for online resources and datasets.

This screenshot shows the 'Names and sources' tab for *Dioscorea L.* It lists the scientific name, synonyms, and common names with their respective sources. Red circles highlight the 'Names' tab, the scientific name, the common name 'Yam', and the Maori name 'Uhi'.

Accepted Name	Source
<i>Dioscorea L.</i>	• APC
According to Telford, I.R.H. in George, A.S. (ed.) (1986), <i>Dioscoreaceae, Flora of Australia</i> 46	
Published in Linnaeus, C. (1753), <i>Species Plantarum</i> 2	
Synonym	Source
<i>Tamus L.</i> <small>synonym</small>	• NZOR
<i>Dioscorea</i> sect. <i>Opsophyton</i> Ulline <small>heterotypic nom. illeg.</small>	• APC
Published in Ulline, E.B. in Engler, H.G.A. & Prantl, K.A.E. (1897), <i>Naturalischen Pflanzenfamilien. Nachträge zum II bis IV Teil</i>	
Common Name	Source
Yam	• NZOR
Published in Nicol, E.R. 1997. <i>Common Names of Plants in New Zealand</i> . Lincoln, Manaaki Whenua Press.	
Ngangarangi <small>Maori</small>	• NZOR
Published in NZFLORA (2012) <i>New Zealand Plant Names - Name based concepts</i>	
Uhi <small>Maori</small>	• NZOR
Published in NZFLORA (2012) <i>New Zealand Plant Names - Name based concepts</i>	
Uwhi <small>Maori</small>	• NZOR
Published in NZFLORA (2012) <i>New Zealand Plant Names - Name based concepts</i>	
Uwhikāho <small>Maori</small>	• NZOR

This screenshot shows the 'Common Name' section for *Dioscorea L.* It lists various common names with their sources and associated tags. Red circles highlight the 'Jurlaka' and 'Majiampa' entries.

Common Name	Source
Australian Bustard <small>preferred</small>	• AFD
Wild Turkey	• AFD
Plain Turkey	• AFD
Jurlaka <small>Warlpiri traditional knowledge</small> <small>TK S</small> <small>TK F</small> <small>Spring</small>	• The Tracks A
Majiampa <small>Warlpiri traditional knowledge</small> <small>WLA</small> <small>plural</small>	• The Tracks A
Some remarks here	
Wardilyka <small>Warlpiri traditional knowledge</small> <small>TK A</small> <small>leg</small>	• The Tracks A
Parrurlka <small>Warlpiri traditional knowledge</small> <small>Australia</small> <small>male</small>	• The Tracks A

