

Animacy

Based on information in R.M.W. Dixon (1994) *Ergativity*, and in textbook.

High end of hierarchy: A is unmarked and P is marked.

Low end of hierarchy: A is marked and P is unmarked.

| | | 1, 2 pers pro- noun | 3 pers animate pro- noun | 3 pers inani- mate pronoun | proper noun | common noun | | | |
|--------------------|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|-----------------|-------|
| | | | | | | human | higher animal | lower animal | thing |
| Yidin ^y | A | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | P | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Ritharngu | A | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | P | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| English | P | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Cashinawa | A | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | P | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Kala Lagaw Ya* | A | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | P | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Russian | P | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Waga-Waga | A | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | P | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Dyirbal | A | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| | P | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |

*The high end of the hierarchy is unclear in Kala Lagaw Ya. See details in Chapter 3.