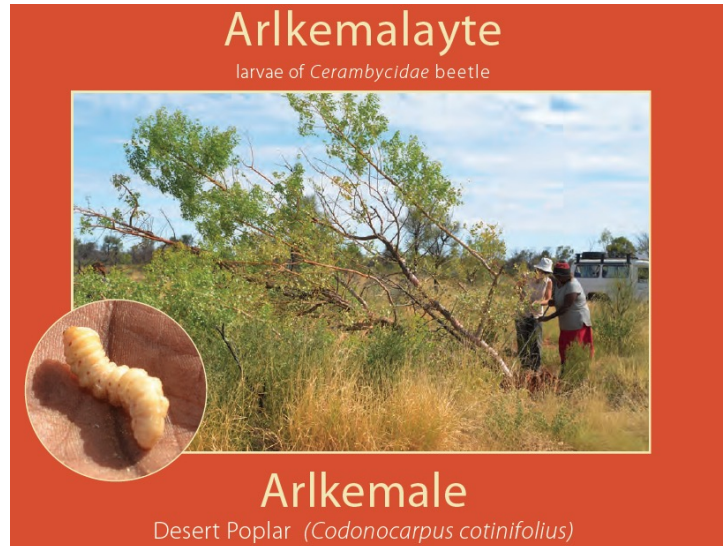




# Edible insect larvae in Kaytetye: their nomenclature and significance

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## Abstract

Indigenous languages have detailed knowledge about the natural world, as evidenced in the growing number of encyclopaedic dictionaries of Australian languages. Many of these reveal much vocabulary on flora and fauna; and many linguists have teamed up with biologists to understand Indigenous terminology in these domains. One area that has received relatively little attention, is that of invertebrates. This paper considers the lexicon of edible insect larvae, one of five food categories in Kaytetye, an Arandic language of central Australia. It draws on collaborative fieldwork with Kaytetye speakers on their lands, entomologists, and the local school; and highlights the community resources produced to assist learning beyond the research trips.

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