



Interim finding aid

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**Sound recordings collected by
William (Badger) Bates and Sarah Martin,
2008-2010**

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SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Date: 2008-2010

Extent: 115 audio files (49.2 MB) : digital, mono, 16 kbps, MP3.

Production history

These recordings were collected between 2008 and 2010 by Sarah Martin archaeologist Sarah Martin during fieldwork with William (Badger) Bates at Wilcannia, Lake Woychugga, Steamer Point, Winbar, Peery Lake, Union Bend, Tartna Point, Porters Crossing, Mount Murchison, Louth, and East Toorale, New South Wales. The purpose of the field trips was to record Badger Bates' early life with his grandmother Granny Moysey a Kurnu Paakantyi *miikitya nhuungku* or clever woman. Among the topics covered in these recordings are Ngaty (Rainbow Serpent), rock arrangements, various camps on the Darling, Warrego and Paroo Rivers, fish traps and other forms of fishing, water courses, lakes, mound springs, boomerangs, brolgas, canoe trees, the Mallee, clothing, mukirli trees, birds, hunting, plant life, Indigenous technology, fauna, stories of ghosts and spirits and other cultural knowledge. The collection was deposited with AIATSIS on 29 July 2011.

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ARCHIVIST'S NOTE

This finding aid was compiled from information provided by Badger Bates and Sarah Martin. Detailed item descriptions, featuring timing points, are not yet available as the collection has not been audited by AIATSIS staff

ITEM LIST

Field recording number	AIATSIS item number	Description
1.2	N/A	Badger Bates discusses the Wilcannia weir, fish traps, the wharf, the silcrete quarry, Lake Woytchugga, soakages and water rats – 2008, 00:09:43
1.3	N/A	Badger Bates discusses the Wilcannia Steamer Point stone arrangement, Grannie Moysey, the Ngatyi (Rainbow Serpent) story and a mukirli tree – 15 June 2008, 00:04:48
1.4	N/A	Badger Bates discusses the Wilcannia Steamer Point stone arrangement, stone flaking, stone tools – 00:05:48
1.5	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Grannie Moysey's camp no. 1 at Steamer Point – 00:01:01
1.6	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Grannie Moysey's camp no. 1 at Steamer Point and Auntie Jean Payne – 00:10:46
1.7	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Grannie Moysey's camp no. 1 at Steamer Point – 0:01:28
1.8	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Grannie Moysey's camp no. 1 at Steamer Point and Grannie Moisey speaking Paakantyi / Kurnu – 00:04:43
1.9	N/A	Badger Bates discusses discusses fish traps, an island at the junction of the Darling and the Paroo Rivers, Ngatyi and soakages – 00:06:25
1.10	N/A	Badger Bates discusses boomerangs at the Winbar Green hut – 00:02:36
1.11	N/A	Badger Bates discusses the Winbar Green Hut, Mount Glass, Iona Station, Sonny Quayle, the Land Council and watching brolgas dance – 0:03:58
1.12	N/A	Badger Bates discusses the Winbar Green Hut, Grannie Moysey, Grannie Knight and fishing – 0:13:12
1.13	N/A	Badger Bates discusses his family at Winbar Green Hut – 0:01:39
1.14	N/A	Badger Bates discusses fish traps at the Strip – 0:01:30
1.15	N/A	Badger Bates discusses gathering mussels – 0:01:01
1.18	N/A	Badger Bates discusses the Peery Lake and Ngatyi, Kurlawirra “our Dreamtime fella” - 0:07:36
1.27	N/A	Badger Bates discusses weirs, the sea, mallee, types of wood and seeds – 9:06:48

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1.28	N/A	Badger Bates discusses river mussels and fishing – 0:01:54
1.29	N/A	Badger Bates discusses the Steamer Point canoe tree – 0:01:45
1.30	N/A	Badger Bates discusses the Steamer Point canoe tree – 0:02:35
1.31	N/A	Badger Bates discusses his pet cockatoo, 0:03:29
1.32	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Grannie Moysey's canoe and the tree it was cut from – 0:03:17
1.33	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Grannie Moysey disciplining children; he recalls some drownings; and how things changed for Indigenous people in the late 1960s, – 0:09:51
1.34	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Grannie Moysey's camp no. 2 at Steamer Point – 0:00:52
1.35	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Grannie Moysey's camp no. 2 at Steamer Point – 0:02:44
2.3	N/A	Badger Bates discusses dying string utensils and other Paakantyi technology – 2009, 0:03:08
2.5	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Karl Leppard's camp – 2009, 0:01:35
2.6	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Karl Leppard's camp – 2009, 0:02:09
2.7	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Grannie Moysey's camp no. 1 at Steamer Point – 2009, 0:01:42
2.8	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Grannie Moysey's camp no. 1 at Steamer Point – 2009, 0:00:25
2.9	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Grannie Moysey's camp no. 1 at Steamer Point – 2009, 0:01:00
2.10	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Grannie Moysey's camp no. 1 at Steamer Point and mukirli trees – 2009, 0:00:53
2.11	N/A	Badger Bates discusses fruit from mukirli trees – 2009, 0:01:14
2.14	N/A	Badger Bates speaks of Billy Hughes and discusses an incident at Alisons Hole – 2009, 0:03:29
2.15	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Alisons Hole 2.16 – 2009, 0:00:18
2.16	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Karl Leppard – 2009, 0:00:45
2.17	N/A	Badger Bates discusses flooding in the Wilcannia area

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		– 2009, 0:01:04
2.18	N/A	Badger Bates discusses One Mile Billabong – 2009, 0:01:30
2.19	N/A	Badger Bates discusses lake Woytchugga – 2009, 0:02:30
2.20	N/A	Badger Bates discusses birds as alerts and alarms to the Paakantyi people – 2009, 0:04:02
2.21	N/A	Badger Bates discusses the cultural significance of Tarna Point to the Paakantyi people – 2009, 0:03:52
2.26	N/A	Badger Bates discusses water catchments in the Wilcannia area – 2009, 0:06:49
2.27	N/A	Badger Bates discusses box swampsd – 2009, 0:02:04
2.28	N/A	Badger Bates discusses the uses of the mukirli and leopardwood trees – 2009, 0:01:40
2.29	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Porters Crossing on the Paroo River – 2009, 0:01:05
2.30	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Porters Crossing on the Paroo River – 2009, 0:00:22
2.31	N/A	Badger Bates discusses the Paroo River – 2009, 0:00:50
2.32	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Porters Crossing on the Paroo River – 2009, 0:00:35
2.33	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Porters Crossing on the Paroo River – 2009, 0:00:34
2.34	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Seaward Hut on Mount Muschison – 2009, 0:01:08
2.35	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Grannie Moysey's wagonette and gathering bush tucker from Canegrass -2009, 0:00:40
2.37	N/A	Do not archive
2.39	N/A	Badger Bates discusses local botany – 2009, 0:03:22
2.40	N/A	Badger Bates discusses the uses of mulga, and birds – 2009, 0:03:49
2.41	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Karl Leppard and Grannie Moisey tanning string and skins – 2009, 0:03:09
3.1	N/A	Badger Bates discusses birds – 2010, 0:21:05
3.2	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Degoumois Point – 2010, 0:06:37
3.3	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Degoumois point and Mount

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		Murchison – 2010, 0:06:02
3.4	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Degoumois Point – 2010, 0:00:06
3.5	N/A	Badger Bates speaks of an incident about a bolted horse – 2009, 0:00:48
3.6	N/A	Badger Bates speaks of an incident about a bolted horse – 2010, 00:01:04
3.7	N/A	Badger Bates discusses the boundary fence at Bonview – 2010, 0:03:56
3.8	N/A	Badger Bates discusses emu flowers – 2010, 0:01:18
3.9	N/A	Do not archive
3.10	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Boorondarra station – 2010, 0:02:55
3.11	N/A	Badger Bates discusses the life cycles of the local environment, cooking bush foods, hunting emus and Louth – 2010, 0:18:52
3.12	N/A	Sarah Martin's mother speaks of her husband – 2010, 0:48:04
3.14	N/A	Badger Bates speaks of an incident with Grannie Moysie and a flathead perch – 2010, 0:01:55
3.15	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Ngatyi Hole near Grannie Moysie's camp at Union Bend – 2010, 0:02:22
3.16	N/A	Badger Bates discusses the Union Bend waterhole and underground streams and soakages – 2010, 0:09:13
3.17	N/A	Badger Bates discusses lignum and speaks of Grannie Moysie making a canoe from tree bark – 2010, 0:01:37
3.18	N/A	Do not archive
3.19	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Uncle Archie Johnson and Grannie Moysie's camp at Lynettes Bend – 2010, 0:02:47
3.20	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Ada Brody's camp – 2010, 0:00:45
3.21	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Ada Brody's camp – 2010, 0:04:16
3.22	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Ada Brody's camp – 2010, 0:02:03
3.23	N/A	Badger Bates discusses mushrooms – 2010, 0:01:32
3.24	N/A	Badger Bates discusses mushrooms – 2010, 0:00:23
3.25	N/A	Badger Bates discusses a creek and net fishing – 2010,

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3.26	N/A	Badger Bates discusses his brother Johnny's pig pen – 2010, 0:00:17
3.27	N/A	Badger Bates discusses his brother Johnny's pig pen – 2010, 0:00:25
3.28	N/A	Badger Bates discusses a mysterious figure near Lynnettes Bend – 2010, 0:00:41
3.29	N/A	Do not archive
3.30	N/A	Badger Bates discusses a small dish carved from tree bark by Granny Moysey – 2010, 0:01:05
3.31	N/A	Badger Bates discusses a small dish carved from tree bark by Granny Moysey – 2010, 0:00:07
3.32	N/A	Badger Bates discusses using frogs as fish bait, and speaks of a racehorse – 2010, 0:01:46
3.33	N/A	Badger Bates speaks of canoe cuttings – 2010, 0:01:08
3.34	N/A	Badger Bates discusses canoe cuttings – 2010, 0:01:10
3.35	N/A	Badger Bates discusses yabbies and carp – 2010, 0:01:02
3.36	N/A	Badger Bates discusses speaks of some dogs and horses of his childhood – 2010, 0:02:09
3.37	N/A	Badger Bates discusses eating a kangaroo head and a canoe tree – 2010, 0:01:36
3.38	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Jimmy Rogers pump and pig pen on the river – 2010, 0:02:51
3.39	N/A	Badger Bates discusses his “spurs” - 2010, 0:00:22
3.40	N/A	Badger Bates discusses tin huts along the river where people lived while the Mission was being built – 2010, 0:01:11
3.41	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Roger's cow yard at Union Bend – 2010, 0:02:47
3.42	N/A	Badger Bates discusses fishing at night using fire, catfish, swans, carp, fish bait, middens, water weeds, Grannie Moysey and the “water dog”, his mother and spearing fish – 2010, 0:29:33
4.1	N/A	Badger Bates discusses fish feeding habits – 2010, 0:03:38
4.2	N/A	Badger Bates discusses relatives' camp at Louth and Toorale, water rats and black cockatoos – 20010, 0:11:29
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4.3	N/A	Badger Bates speaks of Grannie Moysey's camp on Jim Sammon's block – 2010, 0:03:43
4.4	N/A	Badger Bates speaks of Grannie Moysey's camp on Jim Sammon's block – 2010, 0:00:53
4.5	N/A	Badger Bates speaks of Grannie Moysey's camp on Jim Sammon's block – 2010, 0:00:31
4.6	N/A	Badger Bates speaks of Grannie Moysey's camp on Jim Sammon's block – 2010, 0:05:57
4.7	N/A	Badger Bates discusses a canoe tree that was cut by his brother Johnny – 2010, 0:03:11
4.8	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Harry Irwin and Sadie Irwin's camp, the “water dog” and other relatives – 2010, 0:04:11
4.9	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Aunty Eliza's camp – 2010, 0:00:57
4.10	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Aunty Eliza's camp – 2010, 0:00:49
4.11	N/A	Badger Bates discusses a midden and hearths on the river bank -2010, 0:01:10
4.12	N/A	Badger Bates discusses a tree with a surveyor's mark on it – 2010, 0:01:51
4.13	N/A	Do not archive
4.14	N/A	Badger Bates discusses burrs and a plum bush – 2010, 0:01:31
4.15	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Grannie Moysey's camp on Jim Sammon's block – 2010, 0:00:40
4.16	N/A	Do not archive
4.17	N/A	Badger Bates discusses the surroundings at Steamer Point – 2010, 0:00:40
4.26	N/A	Badger Bates discusses Black Cockatoos, the Steamer Point Ngatyi story, carp, spear fishing at Louth and logs that were carelessly dumped in the river at Steamer Point – 2010, 0:23:24
4.27	N/A	Badger Bates speaks about Louth, his step-father Gilbert, water rats and tanning goat skins – 2010, 0:08:26
4.28	N/A	Badger Bates discusses wood stoves in tin huts – 2010, 0:00:47