

AUSTRALIAN TRIBAL NAMES, WITH THEIR SYNONYMS.

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I.—INTRODUCTION.

This compilation was originally intended as a hand-list for personal reference, to enable the writer to see at a glance the approximate, if not the definite, locality of any given Tribe, without having to search through the literature of the subject.

As the title implies, the matter was derived from Ethnographical works in the Australian Museum Library, but to these are added, or interpolated, a few obtained from other reliable sources. A Bibliography of the works consulted is given at the end.

As to Synonyms:—The writer has tried to make cross-references to obviously identical Tribes. In this connection, the various phonetic interpretations placed upon tribal names by different authorities, resulting in many spellings of the same word or words, are remarkable. Although upwards of six hundred names are in the list, the synonymy would reduce it by ten or fifteen per cent.

The useful abbreviations adopted by Dr. W. E. Roth in his Ethnographical works have been included.

It is obvious that the Catalogue is far from complete, many Tribes having passed into oblivion before being recorded, while others may have yet to be discovered. It is possible that an occasional dialectal name has been included, but this is unavoidable. Where two hyphenated localities are given, the intention is to show that the Tribes are, or were, situated in the intervening areas.