

World Asterisms Project

An Introduction to the Sky Cultures of the World



Volume 4: World Milky Way Names List

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Names of the Milky Way

The Milky Way gets its name from Greek mythology: It was formed after the God Hermes suckled the infant Heracles (Hercules) at the breast of the queen of the Gods, Hera, while she was asleep. When Hera awoke, she tore Heracles away from her breast and splattered her breast milk across the heavens. Another version of the story has the Goddess Athena tricking Hera into suckling Heracles voluntarily, but he bit her nipple so hard that she flung him away, spraying milk everywhere. Milky Way is a translation of the Classical Latin “Via Lactea”, in turn derived from the Hellenistic Greek γαλαξίας, short for γαλαξίας κύκλος (galaxías kýklos), meaning "milky circle."

In Enûma Eliš, an epic Babylonian poem, the Milky Way is created from the severed tail of the primeval saltwater dragon Tiamat, slain and set in the sky by the God Marduk.

Australian peoples often name things in the sky for things on Earth. Some of the names of the Milky Way from Australian peoples reflect the names of the rivers they live next to.

In his *Republic*, Plato describes a celestial portal at the intersection of the Milky Way and Zodiac at certain times of the year that he describes as a celestial portal or “cosmic X” in *Timaeus*. Zodiacal light is sunlight reflected off interplanetary dust which forms a faint triangle of light on the horizon in the west at twilight and in the east before dawn at certain times of the year. The “X” is formed by the intersection of this zodiacal light with the Milky Way (Latura 2013).

Object	Name	Culture
Abode of Jaguars		Ho Kod Ke
Abundantly Clustered	Mesikt	Micronesian (Palau Is)
	Aggiwanas	Kankanaey
	Aguiwanas	Kalinga
	Aiabu, Nei Aiabu, Naiabu	Kiribati
	Almegirel, Magierra	John Hill’s <i>Urania</i>
Anaconda		Desána
Animal’s Trail	Denai	Semelai
	Ariwanas	Filipino
	Ariwanat	Isneg
Ash	Némlauk	Nahwal
Ash	Némlauk	Tanna
Ash	Nemrau	Netwal
Ash Tree Yggdrasill		Norse
Ashes		San
Ashes	!ko	/Xam
Ashes and Smoke		Wichi
Back of Winter	Talvenselkä	Finnish
Backbone of the Heavens, Raised Bristles on the Backbone of the Sky	Umnye le wezulu, Umnye le	Xhosa
Backbone of the Night		!O Kung
Backbone of the Night		!Xõ

Backbone of the Night		Nyae Nyae !Kung
Backbone of the Night	!nu#xoni/waba	Naron
Backbone of the Sky	Igu !ko !kemi	!Kung
	Bakunawa	Filipino
	Balatas	Tagalog
	Barnk	Marra
	Barnk	Moporr
Big Man's Trail	Denae ce'e tene	Ahtna
Big River		Chinook
Bird Path	Lodde-raiddaras	Sami
Bird's Path	Binessiwi Mekuna	Anishinabe
Bird's Way	Ptushyny Shliah	Belarussian
Bird's Way	volosožery"	Ukrainian
Bird's Way	Putnu Ceļš	Latvian
Bird's Way	Linnutee	Estonian
Black Faced Mallee Kangaroo		Boorong
Black Milky Way	Tonnermuckkellenner	Palawan
Black Milky Way	Tonnermuckkellenner	Tasmanian
Bow of the Night	Kipinda Busiku	Tabwa
Bow of the Night	Kipinda Busiku	Bemba
Breadfruit Road	Jaan, Jaanenimej	Micronesian (Caroline Is- Truk)
Bright Stretch Across		Pawnee
Bristles (on the back of the sky)	U-Mneyele, Um-nyele, umnNyele	Xhosa
Broken Hip	Cadera Quebrada	German (Volga Community, Argentina)
	Brunelstraat	Middle Dutch -fairy tale Vanden vos Reynaerde (Renard the Fox)
Bubbles in the Water While Rowing a Boat	Dinaanang ng Daong ni Apong Noe	Tagalog
Buffalo Dust		Pawnee
Buffalo Trail		Blackfoot
	Bulang Saguan	Tagalog
Bull Serpent	Toro Chan	Mayan (Tojolab'al Maya)
Calvary Cross	Cruz Calvario	Quechua
Campfire Smoke		Pokomo
Cannibal Pole		Kwakwaka'wakw
Canoe		Ngarrindjeri
Castle of Gwydion	Caer Gwydion	Welsh
Celestial River		Nunmaut
Ceremonial Pole		Nunkunu
	Ch'askamayu	Inca
Children of Nardi	Wandarim	Wardaman
Chumak Road		Ukrainian
Circle of Gwydion		Welsh
Coral Reef	Saghauru	Melanesian (Solomon Is)

Cosmic Monster		Mayan
Cosmic River	Akash Ganga	Hindu
Creative Rain Serpent	Bulanj	Karadjeri
Devil Trail		Shasta
Dew Road		Jakaltek
	Dhun	Birpai
	Dhun.giyn	Worimi
Divider	Aviguti	Inuit (Igloodik)
Dividing Line of Wet and Dry Places	Mudiyanyino	Basongye
Divine River	Tirtha	Hindu
Dog Trail, Where the Dog Ran		Cherokee
Dragon Stars	Bintang Tiga	Temuan
Drum Containing Animals		Ho kod ke
Dry Season & Wet Season	Kishipo ne kiyo	Luba
Ebi Ring	Ebuörung (Milky Way in winter sky)	Saxon
Eel Belly	Ruki	Micronesian (Gilbert Is)
Elephant's Track	Gwara renzou	Karanga
Embers, Star's Road	tsaob	Khoikhoi
Endless Trail		San Ildefonso
Entrance to Cattle Enclosure	Isibaya	Zulu
Eternal Path	Tapecue	Guarani
Expanse	'Aniva, O le 'Aniva	Samoan
Fabulous Marine Creature	Te Ngo'e	Rapanui
Fer de Lance	Tamacaz	Yucatec Maya
Fiery Way	Via Ignea	Latin
Fish of Maui	Te Ika Maui	Māori
Flight of the Loon		Tutchone
Flour (of crushed tortoise shell, cornmeal, coral, and seashells)		Hopi
Flour and Ash		Akimel O'odham
Footpath		San
Ford	Nēberu	Babylonian
Forest Trail		Desána
Fortress of Gwydion	Caer Gwydion	Welsh
	Gaawarr	Gumbayngirr
Frozen Stars	tthén lu	Dëne Suhne
Galaxy	Galaxia	The celestial globe (1493) of German astronomer Johann Stöffler (1452 – 1531)
Gate of the Moon	Porta Lunae	Latin
Gate of the Mansions of the Moon	Porta Mansionum Lunae	Latin
Ghost Road		Ininew (Cree)
Ghost Road		Dakota

Ghost Road		Lakota
Ghost Road		Nakota
Godfather's Straw	Kumova Slava	Western Macedonia
Godparent's Straw	Kumova slama	Serbian
God's Back		Venda
God's Back		!Xu
God's Back		Setswana
God's Back		Sesotho
God's Path		//Gana
Goose Road		Siberian
Goose Way	Gusiny Shliah	Belarussian
Grass Plaited Rope		Ngolokwangga
Great Fish, The	Te Ika nui	Māori
Great Ridge of the Heavens	Tuahiwi nui o Rangi	Māori
Great River		Hittite
Great Sky Road		Iroquois
Grus (Crane) Road		Belarussian
Gwydion's Circle		Welsh
Hairy Rib Vault (inside of a cow's stomach)	umTala, umThala	Zulu
Hanging Road		Cheyenne
Hank of Hair	Nyokoa Hoa Hami	Barasana
Heavenly Way/Row		Estonian
Heavens	Warredya	Awabakal
Heavens	Karawa	Micronesian (Gilbert Is)
Heaven's Street	Hemelstraat	/Xam
Huge Pathway	Rroria-ciú-rô-rô, Rro-vi (vrô)	Karajá
Hunter's Footprint		Evenk
Hunter's Ski Path		Yakut
Hunter's Ski Path		Tungus
Hunter's Ski Path		Negidal
Hunter's Ski Path		Udege
Hunter's Ski Path		Oroch
Hunter's Ski Path		Tlingit
Hunter's Ski Path		Yupik
Hunter's Ski Path		Deg Hit'an
Hunter's Ski Path		Tahltan
Hunting Track		Meratus
Ice Crystal Trail		Shoshone
Ice Road (rift area of Milky Way)		K'iche'
Immense Cortege of People		Desána
Iring's Way	Iringsweg, Iringeway	Old Saxon
Iring's Way	Iringsweg, Iringeway	Anglo Saxon
Iring's Way	Iringsweg, Iringeway	Old High German
Irmin's Street	Irmin(es)-strasse	Saxon
Inundation		Egyptian

Jacob's Punishment	El Castigo de Jacob	German (Volga Community, Argentina)
Josafat Way	Josafaten Bidea	Basque
Joyful Road	Hagjiler Uli	Turkish
	Ka I'a	Hawaiian
Kaleva's Step	Kalevan porras	Finnish
Kaleva's Threshold	Kalevan kynnys	Finnish
	Kaniva	Tongan
King Shark	Ku-kama-ulu-nui-akea, Kalake'e-nui-a-Kane	Hawaiian
Lachan River	Calare	Wiradjuri
Land Fish (Lizard) of the Sky		Polynesian
Large River with Reeds, Hut River	Wodliparri	Kaurna
	Larra	Arrente
Life Giving Serpent	Muyun	Northern Andean
Line, The		Khwe
Line of Heaven	Molalakoko, Molawagodimo	Sotho
Line of Heaven	Mulala-vhungu	Venda
Living Water	Wai-ora	Māori
Living Water of Life		Tahitian
Long Fish, The	Te Ika roa	Māori
Long Lizard of Morning	Moko-roa-i-ata	A'ua'u Enea (Mangaia)
Long Mango Shark	Te Mangaroa	Māori
Long Threshold of Wide Space	Paeroa-o-whanui	Māori
Mamay Road		Siberian
Many Ancestors Gathered Together		Selk'nam
Maui's Fish	Te Ika a Maui	Māori
Michinonagachiha-no-kami	Michinonagachiha-no-kami (道之長乳母神)	Japanese
Milk Path	Piimatee	Estonian
Milk Pathway	Ensebidea	Basque
Milk River	Ōhekoa Riaga	Barasana
Milky Circle	γαλαξίας κύκλος, galaxías kýklos, Galaxian, Galaxia	Greek
Milky Circle	Lacteus Circulus	Latin
Milky Road	Darb ut-Tabānah, درب التبانة	Arabic
Milky Road	Uunnigyabi mu?sugu	Blackfoot
Milky Way	Daang Magatas	Filipino
Milky Way	Esnebidea	Basque
Milky Way	La Voye Lactée	French
Milky Way		Greek
Milky Way	Via Lactea, Orbis Lacteus	Latin
Milky Way	Mælkevejen	Danish
Milky Way	Milchstrasse	German

	Mirriwar	Yuin
	Molago wa godimo	Tswana
	Molala oa leholimo	Sesotho
	Molala oa lehlabula	Sesotho
	Molalavungu	Venda
Monster's Entrails		A:shiwi
Mother of Water (Rain)		Tzotzil
Murray River	Millee	Boorong
Muslim's Path	Gwara remwenye	Karanga
	Nabash Barih	Hebrew
N!adima's Path (along which this god carried the Sun)		G/wi
Necklace Chain		Filipino
Nectar of Immortality, Drink of the Gods	Yajna	Hindu
Nek'elteni's Trail	Utene	Ahtna
Net Skirt of the Moon Goddess		Mayan (pre-Columbian)
New Path (part of Milky way running from SE to NW)	Mama Ma	Barasana
Ngurunderi's Canoe	Ngurunderi Yuki	Jarildekald
Night Rainbow		Quechua
Night's Backbone		Tipai
Night's Backbone		Venda
Night's Backbone		Setswana
Night's Backbone		Sesotho
Night's Backbone		San
Night's Backbone	Ixais Ihodi/wa	G/wi
Nile in the Sky		Egyptian (18 th dynasty)
	Nuafuganan	Netwar
Nun (the Egyptian Goddess)		Egyptian (19 th dynasty)
Nut (the Egyptian Goddess)	Nut	Egyptian
Oceanus River		Greek
Odin's Way		Norse
Old Man	Nurrumbunguttias	Boorong
Old Path (part of Milky Way running from NE to SW)	Buku Ma	Barasana
One Who is Carrying his Nephew Walked Over Us	K'uzhaghalen naq' tusghiyu	Dena'ina
One Who Spends the Night	Molala	Sesotho
	Paaia	Māori
Path	Na'gaik	Toba
Path	Nayic	Mocovi
Path Along Which the Ancestor Spirits Walk		Venda

Path Along Which the Ancestor Spirits Walk		Setswana
Path of Animal Migration	Dhor Sari, Rasta, Sagur, Murana Marg, Pandhan, Sadak	Gond
Path of Animals		Banjara
Path of Animals	Bhori Sanko, Bhori Jev	Kolam
Path of Birds	Paukščių takas	Lithuanian
Path of Noah's Ark	Dinaanang ng Daong ni Apong Noe	Filipino
Path of People Carrying White Clay		Tupi
Path of People Carrying White Clay		Tupi Guarani
Path of Spirits	Waiora a Tane	Māori
Path of the Ancestral Spirits	Tsela ya badimo	Northern Sotho
Path of the Carriers of Clay	Waya Nukuthi Bunaha	Lokono (Arawak)
Path of the Dead	Mardaar Wat	Banjara
Path of the Dead	Margam Panadi	Kolam
Path of the Elephants	Gwara Renzou	Sotho
Path of the Gods	Tsela-ea-melimo	Sesotho
Path of the Hunter	Gwara ravavhimi	Karanga
Path of the Migrating Birds		Ojibwe
Path of the Rhea		Guaraní
Path of the Rhea/Suri		Wichi
Path of the Shamans		Tapirapé
Path of Souls		Cherokee
Path of Souls		Ojibwe
Path of Stars	Tainá Titire	Karajá
Path of the Epew	Rüpü Epew	Mapuche
Path of the Sun, Trail of the Sun		Amahuaca
Path of the Tapir	Tapirapé	Tupi
Path of the Tapir	Tapecue	Tupi Guarani
Path of Wolves		Anishinaabe
Path to Rome	Erromako Bidea	Basque
Path to the Land of Souls		Cherokee
Path to Tucuman	El Camino de Tucuman	Swiss (San Guillermo Colony, Argentina)
Path to the Underworld, Underworld Road	Xibalbá Be	Mayan
Path to the Underworld, Underworld Road	Xibalbá Be	K'iche
Pathway to Earth	Lawway Teene	Neunone
Pathway to Earth	Pullenner	Pyemairrerener
Pebbly River		Chukchi
Pilgrim's Way	Erromesen Bidea	Basque

Place Where Lightning Rests		Sotho
Place Where Lightning Rests		Tswana
Pole	полюс	Belarussian
Priest's Straw	Porova Slama, Porovа Slama	Macedonian
Rainbow	lal	Micronesian (Marshall Is)
Rainbow Boa		Desána
Raven Went Through Pass	Chulyin Tusghiyu	Dena'ina
Raven's Tracks	Chulyin Veq'	Dena'ina
Region of Heroes	Regio Heroum	Latin
Resplendent Stars	Citlaltonac	Aztec
Resting Place of the Lightning Bird (Rainbow)	Molalatladi, Molala-tladi	Northern Sotho
Resting Place of the Lightning Bird (Rainbow)	Molalatladi, Molala-tladi	Tswana
Resting Place of the Lightning Bird (Rainbow)	Molalatladi, Molala-tladi	Setswana
Ridge of Rani-nui, the Sky Parent	Tuahiwi o Rani-nui	Māori
Ridged and Wrinkled (pathway across the sky)	Tsika le maropo	Sesotho
River		Sdoh-doh-hohbsh
River		Klamath
River		Japanese
River	Bilabang	Wiradjuri
River/Bermejo River		Wichi
River (Vilcanota River)	Mayu	Quechua
River (Vilcanota River)	Mayu	Inca
River (Vilcanota River)	Mayu	Desána
River	Lawayaku	Andean
River in Heaven	Ama-no-gawa	Japanese
River in the Sky	Sowang ma Langit	Sama (Badjao)
River in the Sky	Warrambul, Warambul, Warrambool, Wurrumboorool	Kamilaroi
River in the Sky	Warrambul, Warambul, Warrambool, Wurrumboorool	Gamilaraay
River in the Sky	Warrambul, Warambul, Warrambool, Wurrumboorool	Euahlayi
River in the Sky	Warrambul, Warambul, Warrambool, Wurrumboorool	Yuwaalaraay
River in the Sky	Warrambul, Warambul, Warrambool, Wurrumboorool	Wiradjuri
River in the Sky	Warrambool	Weilwan
River in the Sky (Han River)	Tianhan (天漢)	Chinese
River of Souls	Jibay Zübi	Ojibwe
River of the Sky	Asif n Yigenna	Ayt Xebbac

River of the Sky, River of Heaven	Wenuleufü, Lewfö, Lewbü	Mapuche
River that Never Dries	Dhoogoor Yuara	Kokatha
River that Never Dries	Dhoogoor Yuara	Ngalea
River with Huts	Wodliparri	Kaurna
Road	дарога	Belarussian
Road for Saints		Belarussian
Road for Souls		Belarussian
Road of Armies		Hungarian
Road of Birds	Linnunrata	Finnish
Road of Dreaming		Kokatha
Road of Dreaming		Ngalea
Road of Frost		Tzotzil
Road of Ice		Tzotzil
Road of Odin's Wagon		Norse
Road of Straw	Rah Kasheshan	Persian
Road of the Sea Turtle		Cakchiquel
Road of the Small Lizard		Yucatec
Road of Water (Rain)		Tzotzil
Road of Wind (when vertical)	Be ik	Tzotzil
Road to Jerusalem		Belarussian
Road to Kiev		Ukrainian
Road to Santiago (the God of thunder and lightning)		Ch'orti'
Road to the Afterworld		Ho Kod De
Road to the Afterworld		Apache
Road to the Afterworld		Diné
Road to Yvaga		Guarani
Road Turtle	Daang Pawikan	Aeta
Rock of Heaven	Ba-ni kawaw	Micronesian (Gilbert Is)
Rowed	Binugsay	Visayan
Sacred Board/Bark Sheet		Inland from Great Australian Bight
Sacred Ocean of Kiho-Tumu		Tuamotus
Santiago's Way	Jondoni Jakobeko Bidea, Saintiago Bidea, Santiago Kaminoa	Basque
Scattered Stars		Apache
Scattered Stars	Bintang Temabor, Bintang Terambor, Bintang Labor	Orang Asli
Scatterstraw		Hungarian
Sea Snake/Dragon	Malaga	Kalinga
Sea Snake/Dragon	Naga	Filipino (Mayayaw Ifugao)
Sea Snake/Dragon	Naga	Tawi Tawi
Sea Snake/Dragon	Naga	Tagalog

Sea Snake/Dragon, Like a Sea Snake/Dragon	Mala a Naga	Maranao
Sediment (disturbed on seafloor by Kaigas, the Giant Shovelnose Ray)	Kaigasiu Usu	Kala Lagow Ya
Separation of the Two Seasons	Mukalangano we diyo bushipo	Luba
Shark		Tahitian
Shifting Waterway		Egyptian
Shimmering Road	Bifrost	Norse
Ski Trail		Evenk
Sky Camel's Path (Awkra-Cirka's Path)		Somali
Sky Line	Tengeriin Zadas	Mongolian
Sky Neck	Yokk'ul	Koyukon
Sky People Trail		Blackfoot
Sky Support		Xhosa
Sky Support		Zulu
Sky's Spine		Venda
Sky's Spine		Setswana
Sky's Spine		Sesotho
Sky's Spine		!Xu
Sky's Spine		!Kung
Slave's Road	Drumul Robilor	Romanian
Small Fish		Q'eqchi'
Small Path in the Forest		Yucatec
Smart Boy Stepped Over the Sky	Ciil Hwyaa yates ghilyaa	Ahtna
Smoke, Smoke from Celestial Grass		Wotjobaluk
Smoke of the Fires of the Nurrumbunguttias	Warring	Boorong
Snakeskin		Desána
Snow Drifts	Troian	Romanian
Snowshoer's Trail		Tahltan
Snowshoer's Trail	Tanglurallet, Tangukhuatlyat	Inuit (Yupik)
	So Nqa aic Qatar Mañic	Toba
	Sokoranwambe	Tsonga
Son of Trail Over Us	Na'ujegh Ten Ey'a	Dena'ina
Spiderweb		Maricopa
Spiderweb (of Grandmother Spider)		Cherokee
Spine of the Night		Nyae Nyae !Kung
Spirit of Long Water Monster (Moko-roa)		Rarotongan
Spirit Path	Jiibaykona	Ojibwe
Spirit Path, Trail of the Spirits	Wanaghi Tachanku, Wanaği Tačanġku	Lakota

Spirit Road		Chahta
Spirit Road	Cheepahi Meskanaw	Ininew (Cree)
Spirit Road		Paiute
Spirit's Road	Wanagi Ta Chanku	Lakota
Spirit Trail	t̥ lu	Dëne Suhne
Stars of Heaven, Row of Stars	Lelani	Hawaiian
Star Meeting	Pulong Bituin	Filipino
Star Path	Nyokoa Ma	Barasana
Star Skirt	Citlalicue	Aztec (paired with Where the Stars Shine)
Star Trail	san' t̥ay	Upper Tanana
Star Trail Altogether	whò t̥l̥ i̥ l̥a	T'atsaol'ine
Star Trail Altogether	whò t̥l̥ i̥ l̥a	Wiidiideh
Stingray Road	Lawway Larner	Palawa
Stony River	Toonejõgi	Estonian
Stork Path		Estonian
Straw	Slama	Macedonian
Straw Way	Slama Način	Macedonian
Streak, Stripe	Kopput	Inuit (N. Labrador & Quebec, Bering Strait)
Stream of Semen		Desána
Stream of Stars	Umthala Wezinkanyezi/Imilaza	Zulu
Stream of Water		Jinibara
Strip of Straw	S'andaina 'e paza	Sardinian
Structure of the Universe	Compages Coeli	Latin
Summer Bird's Path	Nininesis Meskinaw	Ininew (Cree)
Supernatural Foot Path		Venda
Supernatural Foot Path		Setswana
Supernatural Foot Path		Sesotho
Tail of the Lizard	Vaero-o-te-moko	Tuamotus
Tail of Tiamat		Babylonian
	Tangotango	Māori
	Te Kupenga a Taramainuku	Māori
	Te Paeroa o Whanui	Māori
	Te Tukaniva	Anutan
That Which Awaits the Dawn	Yikáisdáhá	Diné
That Which Divides [the Sky]	Aviguti	Inuit
Trace of Gods	Astełk' en oroc' x̥aɾnakeal č̣anaparhk' linin gnac'ic', or anuaneal koč'i[n] yardgoł	Armenian
Track of the Ancestor Spirits	Gwara raKurumbi	Karanga
Track of Winter	Talvenrata	Finnish
Tracks of One that Walked the Sky	Yuq' Niyunen Beq'	Dena'ina
Trail is Twisted	Ten Nuqudes	Dena'ina
Trail of Bubbles		Dakota

Trail of Dog Children Brothers		Dena'ina
Trail of One Who is Packing his Niece	K'uzhaghafen tinitun	Dena'ina
Trail of the Dead		Coeur d'Alene
Trail of the Spirits	Wanaghi Tachanku	Lakota
Trajan of the Sky	Troianul Cerului	Romanian
Trajan's Way	Calea lui Traian	Romanian
Traveler's Trail, Yahdii's Trail	Vataii	Gwich'in
Traveler's Trail, Nek'eltaeni's Trail	Utene	Ahtna
Traveler's Trail, Nogheyoli's Trail	Betena	Lower Tanana
Traveler's Trail, Yámoreya's Trail, Yahdi's Trail	télu/tqlu, ɬetene	Sahtúotine
Traveler's Trail of Stars, Yahdii's Trail of Stars	Sa'gwat'an taii	Gwich'in
Tree, Giant Tree		Nunkunu
Tree of Life		Arawak
	Ulbaia (Creek)	Arrente
	uMtsentse	Swazi
	Warrawul	Dharawal
	Warrawul	Dharug
Water Monster	Te-Mokoroa-i-ata	Rarotonga
Way of Birds	Paukščių kelias	Lithuanian
Way of St. James of Galicia	Camin de San Giacum or Via 'd Se'n Giacu 'd l'Argalisia	Italian
Way of Straw	Saman Ughrisi	John Hill's <i>Urania</i>
Way of Straw	Shevil Teuno	John Hill's <i>Urania</i>
Way to Jerusalem	Shliah u Ierusalim	Belarussian
	Wayal	Bundjalung
Where the Stars Shine	Citlaltonac	Aztec (paired with Star Skirt)
Where Your Grandfather [Raven] Snoeshoed Over the Sky	yuhtseeyh yo teɬ oyh hu	Koyukon
White River		Meshkwahkihaki
White Road		Aztec
White Road	Saki be	K'iche
White Road	Sah Beh	Yucatec
White Road (from Cyg North)	Saki Be	Mayan
White Road		Yucatec Maya (of Chan Kom)
White Serpent (with mouth in the south and tail in the north)		Ch'orti'
White Way of Our True Lord (i.e.: Hachäkyum, Lord of Heaven)		Lacandón
	Whiti-kaupeka	Māori (south island)
Widening	Tummuan Anso	Sama (Badjao)

Widow Sweeping the Road	Lémarmatewés	Sesivi
Winding Canal, Winding Water Way		Egyptian
Winter Plant Bed		Estonian
Winter Street	Vintergatan	Swedish
Woden's Path for Souls	Woutanes Web	Anglo Saxon
Wolf Trail		Blackfoot
Wolves' Path	Mikamuk Meskinaw	Ininew (Cree)
World River		Palikur
World Tree	Ombú	Mocovi
World Tree	Ombú	Mayan
	Xirimela	Tsonga
Year Mark	Jakke-mærka	Sami
Yellow River		Chinese (Zhou Dynasty)

Total: 460