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Proto-Central Chadic Consonants

	Labial	Alveolar	Laminal	Velar	Labialized Velar
Plosive	p	t	ts	k	k ^w
	b	d	dz	g	g ^w
Implosive	ɓ	ɗ			
Fricative		ʈ	s	h	h ^w
	v	ʂ	z	ɣ	ɣ ^w
Nasal	m	n			
Pre-nasalized	^m b	ⁿ d	ⁿ dz	(^ŋ g)	(^ŋ g ^w)
Liquid		r			
Approximant			j		w

The Classification of the Central Chadic Languages

Sub-branch	Major Group	Group	Subgroup	Language
South		Bata	Bata	Bachama, Bata, Fali, Gude, Gudu,
			Proper	Holma, Jimi, Ngwaba, Nzanyi, Sharwa
			Tsuvan	Tsuvan, Zizilivakan
		Daba	Daba	Daba, Mazagway Hidi
			Mina	Mina, Mbudum
			Buwal	Buwal, Gavar
		Mafa		Mafa, Mefe, Cuvok
		Tera	East	Boga, Ga’anda, Hwana
				Jara, Tera
		Sukur		Sukur
Hurza		Hurza		Vame, Mbuko
North	Margi-Mandara-	Margi	Bura	Bura, Cibak, Kofa, Putai,

Mofu		Nggwahyi	
		Margi	Kilba, Margi South, Margi
	Mandara	Wandala	Mandara, (Malgwa), Glavda
		Dghwede	Cineni, Dghwede, Guduf, Gava, Gvoko
		Podoko	Podoko, Matal
	Mofu	Tokombere	Ouldeme, Mada, Muyang, Moloko
		Meri	Zulgo, (Gemzek), Merey, Dugwor
		Mofu	Mofu North, Mofu-Gudur
	Maroua		Giziga North, Giziga South, Mbazla
	Lamang		Lamang, Hdi, Mabas
	Higi		Bana, Hya, Psikye, Kamwe
Musgum-North Kotoko	Kotoko Island		Buduma
	Kotoko North		Mpade, Afade, Malgbe, Maltam
	Musgum		Musgum, Mbara, Muskum
	Kotoko Centre		Lagwan, Mser
	Kotoko South		Zina, Mazera
	Gidar		Gidar

Abbreviations

... ^y	Palatalization prosody
... ^w	Labialization prosody
/.../	Phonemic form
[...]	Phonetic form
*...	Reconstructed form
→	Historic change
1pEx	1st person exclusive plural
1s	1st person singular
C	Consonant
LAB	Labialization prosody
n	noun
N	Nasal
n.d.	no date
NUL	Null (place-holder) suffix
PAL	Palatalization prosody
PCC	Proto-Central Chadic
PERF	Perfect
SF	Surface Form
UF	Underlying Form
v	verb
V	Vowel

