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The following identifications were based on a primary interview circle in Mbem, March 2009, as well as entries extracted from the dictionary, where the spelling is sometimes different. No plurals were recorded. Pages number from Boorman (1981) *West African insects*.

Yamba	pl.	English	Latin	Comment
bú		cocoon		
càmntsé		beetle with a strong odour, believed to retard the production of palm wine		
cì		Mole-cricket	<i>Gryllotalpa africana</i>	26/4
dòṅ		beelike insect which does not sting.		
f̄əró		edible maggot found in roots of old elephant grass stalk or dead trees.		
f̄uf̄úk		large fly (tsetse fly?).		
f̄uṅ		beetle which bores holes in bamboo.		
gbógbó		Cicada	<i>Hemiptera</i>	30/12
j̄ək		small insects which may be edible.		
j̄əm' mbèṅ		Tsetse fly	<i>Glossina spp.</i>	35/23
kà'á		edible black and yellow caterpillar with red spikes on the body.		Syn: ṅgòṅgó', ṅkùṅ
kàànú		honeycomb		
kákéṅ or kékèṅ		butterfly		
kàkùìṅ		ant hill with umbrella shaped top		
kómnú		beehive		
kpá		beetle (eats into old wine stems)		
kpátà		jigger		
kwá		raffia beetle		
kwe'/kpá'		ticks found on animals.		Syn: lém
l̄aṅlí		Dragonfly	<i>Odonata spp.</i>	25/1
lém		ticks found on animals.		See: kwé'
má		small ant		
mádù'só		Bush-cricket	<i>Tettigoniidae</i>	26/3
máfòk		large grasshopper.		
mágbè'		grasshopper which does not fly		
màhámpèm		caterpillar which displays a red colour when threatened		
málúmf̄əmf̄əm		carpenter bee		
mámf̄əmf̄èṅ		large black ants that live in large colonies		
mándàr̄ənte'		spider; spiderweb		
mándzéndzè		edible, red tree ants		
mánj̄ənj̄ánwì		sugar ants		
mánḡbèṅ		brown grasshopper		Syn: mayṅ, nzèṅ
mánḡés		ants		
már̄ə		small black ant which gives painful bites		
mátáf̄ánciṅ		black ant, lives in holes and has a strong odour		
máyáṅ		migratory locust big grasshopper with blue or yellow wings	<i>Locusta migratoria</i>	28/8. Syn: mbèṅ, maṅgbèṅ, nzèṅ
mbàhánczèṅ		grass beetle		See: nìṅ, ṅkpelim,

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Yamba	pl.			
				ɲkùmdze'
mbúɲ		large red grasshopper		
mbúɲsə̀		pupa; dormant stage during metamorphosis		
mvès		maggot		
mvúəp		cockroach	<i>Periplaneta americana</i>	
mvúəp		Assassin bug	<i>Nularda spp.</i>	31/14
ndòɲká'à		edible grasshopper which cries at night		
ndóɲsè		black-faced grasshopper which lives in leafy bushes		
ndwíɲ		maggot which lives in meat and fruit		
ndzə̀		fly		Syn: ndzə̀tuɲ
ndzə̀ndzəm		ant that gives painful bites		
níɲ		tree sp.; edible beetle which lives in this tree		See: mbàhanzeɲ, ɲkpelim, ɲkùmdze'
ɲjə̀ɲ		white ants with strong smell		
ɲjúɲ		small cricket-like insect		
ntándú		combwasp		
ntárə̀		combwasp that build its house with mud		
ntə̀ntám		small red combwasp which lives in large colonies		
ntès		red and black beetle that gives off a gas when touched. Blister beetle?		
ntsə̀ntsə̀p		black hairy but edible caterpillar		
ntúntwís		insect sp.		
ntwínə̀		caterpillar which gives itchy burning pains		
nú		bee; honey		
nzàsə̀		small beetles which eat young crops		
nzə̀		sting of a bee or wasp		
nzək		white ants		
nzə̀nzə̀'		grasshopper with a pointed head		
nzə̀nzúə̀,		earthworm		
nzə̀nzúə̀ɲgò'ó				
nzèɲ		green grasshopper		See: maɲgbeɲ, nzeɲ
nzíp		hookworm		
ɲə̀ɲéɲ		scorpion-fly	<i>Bittacus spp.</i>	27/7
ɲgám		large spider		
ɲgám		tree cricket-like insect which come with the rainy season		
ɲgámnze		tarantula spider		
ɲgbèɲ		bedbugs		
ɲgès		soldier ants		
ɲgíɲgò		intestinal worm; general name		
ɲgók		flying termites	<i>Isoptera</i>	
ɲgùɲgò'		caterpillar; general name		
ɲkòóɲbéɲ		mantis	<i>Mantidae</i>	29/10
ɲkpè'		louse		See: la'
ɲkpè'ákùp		very small mosquito; mite; lice of rock rabbit		

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ηkpélím		water beetle		See: mbàhanzeη, niη, ηkùmdze'
ηkùndzé'		dung-beetle	<i>Heliocopris spp.</i>	38/29
ηkùη		edible caterpillar		
ηkwíη		tiger mosquito (black, long-legged)		
rérám		winged termites	<i>Isoptera</i>	29/11
súsú'		termite		(used as bait for crabs)
tà'á		caterpillar		
tàk		snail		
tèη		weevil which bores holes in wine calabashes	<i>Curculionidae</i>	
tátés		grasshopper common in the dry season		
tsó		small ant with strong odour and painful bites		
túmkàkùìη		anthill with an umbrella top	<i>Isoptera</i>	
túmηgók		termite mound	<i>Isoptera</i>	
vém		sandfly	<i>Isoptera</i>	