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Watercolour is population history, not proof of a shared ancestral language. Dates and subgroupings are approximate.



Leaves Size reflects native speakers; † marks extinction

Red & rose threads Borrowing and contact: rose marks contact-born loanwords

Leaf colours Pale; endangered - fresh green; revived - outline: classical

Watercolour Human dispersal: a frame for history, not linguistic kinship