

A digital sketch grammar of Yawarana

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1 Verbs

TODO: write introduction about verbs

Section 1.1

1.1 Basic morphological template

The following table shows a morphological template of Yawarana verbs, i.e. the order in which bound morphemes can occur within a verbal word form.

The first slot contains personal prefixes. The relative order of three tense-aspect-mood suffixes can be seen in the following example:

- (1) Yawarana
tipapějsejne waijtajne
tipa-pěj-se-jne waijta-jne
go.group-PLUR-PST-PL mouse-PL
'las ratas se fueron'

More data is needed to firmly establish the relative order of all suffixes.

1.2 Person

Table 1: Basic verb template

Prefix	Root	Aspect	Tense	Number
<i>i-</i>		<i>-pěti</i>	<i>-se</i> <i>-jpě</i> <i>-tojpe</i>	<i>-jně</i>

- (2) Yawarana
 uyīwīj yawē usenejkari sukuri jwama
 u-y-īwīj yawē u-s-enejka-ri sukuri jwama
 1-LK-house LOC 1-DETRZ-watch-NMLZ quietly ***
 ‘yo me quedo en mi casa tranquila’
- (3) Yawarana
 sere mēkase
 sere mē-ka-se
 cassava.bread 2-take.out-PTCP
 ‘cuando uno va a arrancar yuca’
- (4) Yawarana
 taturu makampra ya ana yoti
 ta-tu-ru makampra ya ana y-oti
 3P-give-IPFV maternal.aunt:VOC OBL 1+3 LK-game.food
 ‘mi tía lo da comida de nosotros’

1.3 Aspect

1.3.1 The pluractional marker *-pēti*.

This aspect-marking morpheme is known from other Cariban languages (Mattiola and Gildea under review). This example illustrates its *-pēj* allomorph:

- (5) Yawarana
 tipapējsejne waijtajne
 tipa-pēj-se-jne waijta-jne
 go.group-PLUR-PST-PL mouse-PL
 ‘las ratas se fueron’

“Cuento de las ratas por AnFo” And this example illustrates its *-pēti* allomorph:

- (6) Yawarana
 waraijtokomo ya inpēti ti
 waraijtokomo ya in-pēti-Ø ti
 man OBL see-PLUR-IPFV QUOT
 ‘el hombre lo estaba viendo’

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1.4 Tense

1.4.1 *-jpě*

-jpě is etymologically a nominalizer, but now it also functions as a simple past marker:

- (7) Yawarana
ana këyetajpě, intipijkě ana chi yawě
ana këyeta-jpě intipijkě ana chi-Ø yawě
1+3 grow.up-PST a.little 1+3 COP-NMLZ LOC
‘nos criamos cuando estábamos chiquiticos nosotros’

It also occurs on nouns:

- (8) Yawarana
tawara ma ana këyetajpě, ana papa pan patajpě të
tawara ma ana këyeta-jpě ana papa pan pata-jpě të
too RESTR 1+3 grow.up-PST 1+3 father:VOC deceased town-PST LOC
‘así nos criamos después de que se murió mi papá en su pueblo’

1.4.2 The supine

The suffix *-se* can be used to express a co-called supine meaning, i.e., purpose of motion. Intransitive verbs occur unprefixes, while transitive verbs can carry person prefixes.

- (9) Yawarana
enijpětërë waraijtokomo ijtëse ti mijna tëijpo winijse
enijpětërë waraijtokomo ij-të-se ti mijna tëijpo winij-se
one man 3-go-PST QUOT there far sleep-SUP
‘un hombre se fué allá, a dormir lejos’

References

Mattiola, Simone and Spike Gildea (under review). “The pluractional marker *-pödi* of Akawaio (Cariban) and beyond”. In.