A digital sketch grammar of Yawarana

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1 Verbs

TODO: write introduction
Section 1.1

1.1 Basic morphological template

The following table shows the morpological template of Yawarana verbs, i.e. the order in which bound morphemes can occur within a vebral 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
tipapëjsejne waijtajne

tipa-pëj-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

Person marking is identical on transitive and intransitive verbs:

Table 1: Basic verb template

Prefix	Root	Aspect	Tense	Number
i-		*-pëti*	*-se*	*-jnë*
			-jpë	
			-tojpe	

(2) a. Yawarana
          uyïwïj yawë usenejkari sukuri jwama

          u-y-ïwïj   yawë   u-s-enejka-ri   sukuri jwama
          1-LK-house   TEMP.LOC   1-DETRZ-watch-IPFV   quietly ***

          'yo me quedo en mi casa tranquila'

     b. Yawarana
          mëyaruwari, mëpëkëpene

          më-yaruwa-ri më-pëkëpene
          2-laugh-IPFV 2-alone

          'usted se rie sola'

1.3   Aspect

1.3.1   The pluractional marker *-pëti*.

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

(3) Yawarana
     tipapëjsejne waijtajne

     tipa-pëj-se-jne   waijta-jne
     go.group-PLUR-PST-PL   mouse-PL

     'las ratas se fueron'

1.4   Tense

1.4.1   *-jpë*

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

(4) Yawarana
     ana këyetajpë, intipijkë ana chi yawë

     ana këyeta-jpë   intipijkë ana chi-∅   yawë
     1+3 grow.up-PST   a.little   1+3 COP-IPFV   TEMP.LOC

     'nos criamos cuando estábamos chiquiticos nosotros'

     It also occurs on nouns:

(5) Yawarana

tawara ma ana këyetajpë, ana papa pan patajpë të

tawara	ma-∅	ana	këyeta-jpë	ana	papa	pan	pata-jpë	të-∅
too	throw-IPFV	1+3	grow.up-PST	1+3	father:VOC	deceased	town-PST	go-IPFV

'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 unprefixed, while transitive verbs can carry person prefixes.

(6) Yawarana

enijpëtërë waraijtokomo ijtëse ti mïjna tëijpo wïnïjse

enijpëtërë	waraijtokomo	ij-të-se	ti	mïjna	tëijpo	wïnïj-se
one	man	3-go-PST	QUOT	there	far	sleep-SUP

'un hombre se fué allá, a dormir lejos'

2 Postpositions

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3 Nouns

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3.1 Nominal possession

References

Mattiola, Simone and Spike Gildea (under review). "The pluractional marker -pödï of Akawaio (Cariban) and beyond". In.