Verbs with archaic first person inflection in Cariban languages

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1 Introduction

Table 1: Some Tiriyó verbs (Meira 1999: 292, 294)

	'to sleep'	'to bathe (INTR)'	'to yawn'	'to say'
2 1+2	m-əənɨkɨ-	ke-ep i -	s-entapo- m-entapo- k-entapo- n-entapo-	wɨ-ka- mɨ-ka- kɨh-ka- n-ka-

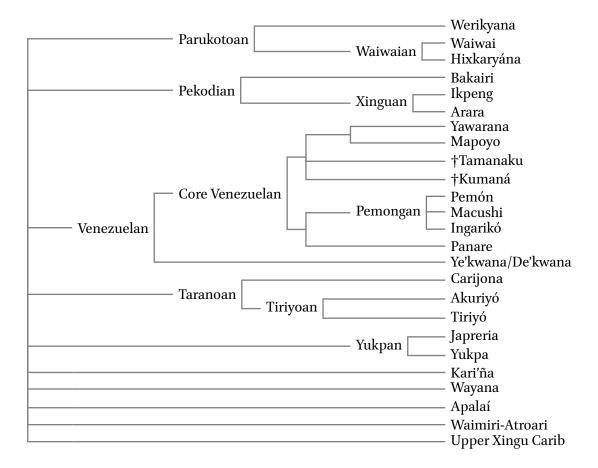


Figure 1: The Cariban language family

Table 2: Some Hixkaryána verbs (Howard 2001: 150, 510, 511, 513; Derbyshire 1985: 27, 69, 70)

	'to fall'	'to be afraid'	'to walk'	'to go'
1 2 1+2 3			k-atar ^j eknohi- m-atar ^j eknohi- t-atar ^j eknohi- n-atar ^j eknohi-	mɨ-to- tɨ-to-

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