

Piro

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1 Language Information

- Source: Matteson (1965)
- Glottlog: <http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/yine1238>
- ISO-identifier: pib
- Speakers:
- Location: Peru
- Geneology: Arawakan > Southern Maipuran > Purus > Piroic > Yine

2 Nominal Morphology

The noun has a singular and a plural form. However, the singular form can be used instead of the plural one in case of inanimate objects.

3 Verbal Morphology

There are subject prefixes for every person (first, second, third) and number (singular, plural). There is even a gender distinction in 3SG.

4 Conjunction

The connectives in Piro are *ha* 'and, but', *ha wa* 'and, but', *hat̥si* 'but', *hiyaka* 'but not', *maka* 'however, but', *seyo* 'but', *wa* 'and, but'.

- (1) *seyni hima repur-hima ranika*
but it.is.said his.little.brother-it.is.said he.took
'But he took his little brother.' [Matteson, 1965, p. 48]
- (2) *ha ha wane nitxa hapokletlu Pokalpa*
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'And that is the way I arrived in Pucallpa.' [Matteson, 1965, p. 48]

5 Disjunction

ha wa can mark disjunctions as well.

6 Postpositions

1. *hapka* 'first, next, in succession'
2. *hetko* 'maybe'
3. *hima* 'it is said'
4. *honru* 'special, principal'
5. *kawtšinanu* 'by'
6. *klu* 'epoch, time, era'
7. *mihxe* 'that which is not thus, without'
8. *nšinkanu* 'almost'
9. *penute* 'space in front of one, opposite one'
10. *pitxka* 'like'
11. *pxa* 'only'
12. *poko* 'how, manner, arrangement'
13. *waka* 'time, place, manner'
14. *yehi* 'near, in the presence of, for the benefit of, concerning'
15. *yma* 'with'

References

Matteson, Esther (1965). *The Piro (Arawakan) Language*. Berkley: University of California Press.