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Abbreviations

(a) Dialects

E	Eastern Surinamese Carib
G	Guyanese Carib
S	Surinamese Carib
V	Venezuelan Carib
W	Western Surinamese Carib

pro	pronoun
vi	intransitive verb
vm	middle verb or middle verb stem
vt	transitive verb

(e) Affix classes

(b) Related languages

Ap	Aparai
M	Makusi
Kp	Kapon
Pm	Pemon
T	Trio
Wj	Wayana
Ww	Waiwai

asp	aspect suffixes
pf	prefixes
sf	inflectional suffixes
sfA	adjectivizing suffixes
sfN	nominalizing suffixes
sfV	verbalizing suffixes
tns	tense suffixes

(f) Affix meaning abbreviations

(c) Non-related languages

A	Arawak
En	English
F	French
N	Dutch
P	Portuguese
Sp	Spanish
Sr	Surinamese (or Sranantongo)
Wp	Wayampi

1	first person
1+2	first and second person
1+2A	first and second person active
1+2M	first and second person middle
1A	first person active
1M	first person middle
2	second person
2A	second person active
2M	second person middle
3	third person
3a	third person anaphoric
3aml	third person anaphoric with meaning loss
3ml	third person with meaning loss
A	adjectivization
adn	adnominalizer
aeo	absence of explicit object

(d) Parts of speech

adj	adjective
adv	adverb
conj	conjunction
interj	interjection
n	noun
num	numeral
part	particle
postp	postposition

Ai	instrument adjectivization	Nvt	habitual transitive subject nominalization
Aia	Ai, adnominal form	Pi	instrument postpositionalization
Aiapl	Aia, plural	Pia	Pi, adnominal form
Aipl	Ai, plural	Piapl	Pia, plural
alleg	allegation	Pipl	Pi, plural
Am	mass possession adjectivization	pla	plural adjectives
Ama	Am, adnominal form	plan	plural animate nouns
Amapl	Ama, plural	ple	plural exceptions
An	negative adjectivization	pln	plural nouns
Ana	An, adnominal form	plv	plural verbs
Anapl	Ana, adnominal form	Pm	mass possession postpositionalization
Ann	An, nasalized	Pma	Pm, adnominal form
Anna	Ann, adnominal form	Pn	negative postpositionalization
Annapl	Anna, plural	Pna	Pn, adnominal form
Ao	object possession adjectivization	Pnapl	Pna, plural
Aoa	Ao, adnominal form	po	presence of (explicit/implicit) object
Aoapl	Aoa, plural	Po	object possession postpositionalization
Ap	possessive form adjectivization	Poa	Po, adnominal form
Apa	Ap, adnominal form	possc	controlled possession
Apapl	Apa, plural	possce	possc, exceptions
Ar	recent act adjectivization	possn	non-possession (on nouns)
Ara	Ar, adnominal form	possuc	uncontrolled possession
As	surpassing adjectivization	possucpl	possuc, plural
Asa	As, adnominal form	possvn	non-possession (on verbal noun)
Av	verb adjectivization	possvnpl	possvn, plural
Ava	Av, adnominal form	Pp	possessive form postpositionalization
Avapl	Ava, plural	Ppa	Pp, adnominal form
dev	devalued	Pv	verb postpositionalization
Na	agent nominalization	r	reflexive/reciprocal
Napl	Na, plural	Tdesid	Tense, desiderative
Ni	instrument nominalization	Tdesidpl	Tdesid, plural
Nipl	Ni, plural	Tfr	Tense, far
Np	patient nominalization	Tfrpl	Tfr, plural
Nvi	intransitive subject nominalization		
Nvipl	Nvi, plural		

Tfut	Tense, future	VAce	verbal aspect, cessative
Tfutpl	Tfut, plural	VAcop	verbal aspect, comple- tive
Tfutu	Tfut, uncertain	VAin	verbal aspect, ingressive
Thab	Tense, habitual	VAit	verbal aspect, iterative
Thabp	Thab, past	Vic	intransitive cessative noun verbalization
Thabpl	Thab, plural	Vii	intransitive ingressive noun verbalization
Thabppl	Thabp, plural	Vime	intransitive me verbalization
Timp	Tense, imperative	Vinu	intransitive nu verbalization
Timppl	Timp, plural	Vipe	intransitive pe verbalization
Tirr	Tense, unreal	Vtke	transitive ke verbalization
Tirrp	Tirr, past	Vtkm	transitive kama or kapa verbalization
Tirrpl	Tirr, plural	Vtme	transitive me verbalization
Tirrppl	Tirrp, plural	Vtmp	transitive mass provision verbalization
Tnr	Tense, near	Vtop	transitive object provision verbalization
Tnrpl	Tnr, plural	Vtpe	transitive pe verbalization
Tpr	Tense, present		
Tpra	Tpr, with a-stems		
Tprapl	Tpra, plural		
Tprau	Tpra, uncertain		
Tprpl	Tpr, plural		
Tpru	Tpr, uncertain		
Tpst	Tense, durative past		
Tpsta	Tpst, following a-stems		
Tpstapl	Tpsta, plural		
Tpstpl	Tpst, plural		
trans	transitivizer		
VAc	verbal aspect, causative		

