

It may not be amiss in this place, to mention something of the snakes and frogs, which take up their residence in the ponds of this country. These ponds become putrid after a long drought. The snakes are of a green colour, with longitudinal white lines from the head to the extremity of the tail. They are so very inoffensive, that the Indians frequently play with them, and will tie them in knots round their necks. Whether these reptiles, like the frogs, lie in a torpid state during the winter, I cannot say, but I have frequently found their skins dried by the sun, which were hollow, but in other respects they were complete.

The frogs resume their existence and faculties in the month of May; when the genial warmth of the sun invigorates them afresh. At this time they vent forth a most hideous croaking, day and night, and they are particularly chearful in rainy weather. The appearance of the frogs gives name to the month of May among the Nehethawa Indians.