

animal creation, in the country I treat of, I shall only take notice of two of them; which are termed the Swift and Slow Lizard.

The **SWIFT LIZARD** is about six inches long, and has four legs and a tail. Its body, which is blue, is prettily striped with dark lines shaded with yellow; but the end of the tail is totally blue. It is so remarkably agile, that in an instant it is out of sight, nor can its movement be perceived by the quickest eye; so that it might more justly be said to vanish, than to run away. This species are supposed to poison those they bite, but are not dangerous, as they never attack persons that approach them, choosing rather to get suddenly out of their reach.

The **SLOW LIZARD** is of the same shape as the swift, but its color is brown; it is moreover of an opposite disposition, being altogether as slow in its movements as the other is swift. It is remarkable that these lizards are extremely brittle, and will break off near the tail as easy as an icicle.

Among the reptiles of North America, there is a species of the toad, termed the **TREE TOAD**, which is nearly of the same shape as the common sort, but smaller and with larger claws. It is usually found on trees, sticking close to the bark, or laying in the crevices of it; and so nearly does it resemble the color of the tree to which it cleaves, that it is with difficulty distinguished from it. These creatures are only heard during the twilight of the morning and evening, or just before and after a shower of rain, when they make a croaking noise somewhat shriller than that of a frog, which might be heard to a great distance. They infest the woods in such numbers, that their responsive notes at these times make the air resound. It is only a summer animal, and never to be found during the winter.

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