close by, flew into a tree and commenced chattering vehemently. One of the Indians snatched a gun, ran out and shot him and on being asked why, answered that the bird was abusing him. The jay plays a conspicuous part in all the tales, having a high reputation for cunning and newsmongering. The reputation of the crow for sagacity would not appear to be as high as he deserves, judging from a story related to me. They, it stated formerly when paddling their canoes, always used the edge of their paddles, until one day accidentally the steersman turned his blade flatwise and found that to be the best way. Dogs were originally deer hunters, that is, a part of them hunted, as is now the case. The large wolf and the rattlesnake rank as among the worst of the Skookooms.

The bones of the mammoth have been discovered in the Willamette valley, but I could not learn that any tradition existed respecting it. An Indian of whom I enquired said he knew nothing about them but he supposed they were bones of one of the Skookooms who formerly inhabited the lakes

Among the various kinds of Skookooms who do not appear to have left any legal heirs are the following, most of whom probably are known by different names among all the tribes. Sak-át-hlia