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## Summary Information

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<b>Abstract</b>	This diary is a journal of a trip from Philadelphia by stage to Pittsburgh, then afoot through Franklin, LeBoeuf, and Erie to the Huron River; thence by boat to Detroit, where he remained 26-29 July, when he set out by canoe for Michilimackinac. Included are descriptions of Detroit, plants, animals, springs, Indian mounds, and notes on goitre.

## **Background note**

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Naturalist Thomas Nuttall was elected to the American Philosophical Society in 1817.

## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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## Provenance

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### Acquisition Information

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## Indexing Terms

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### Genre(s)

- Diaries.
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### Geographic Name(s)

- Detroit (Mich.)
- Michigan -- Description and travel.
- Pennsylvania -- Description and travel.

### Subject(s)

- Botany -- North America.
- Exploration.

- Goiter.
- Indians of North America
- Native America
- Natural History
- Travel
- Voyages and travels.
- Zoology -- North America.

## **Other Descriptive Information**

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Thomas Nuttall's travel narrative tracks his journey from Philadelphia to Detroit during the spring and summer of 1810. Nuttall makes a range of observations, including discussions of the weather, plant life, rivers, and the various people he meets, including Native peoples. The last portion of the narrative, which takes place around Detroit, discusses Indians a fair amount – their history in the area, the various groups he met (Chippewa in particular), and their customs.