

Kaw Valley Almanac

June 7 - 13, 2021

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	04:19 AM	11:16 AM	06:22 PM	6%
Tuesday	04:47 AM	12:00 PM	07:21 PM	2%
Wednesday	05:19 AM	12:46 PM	08:21 PM	0%
Thursday	05:57 AM	01:35 PM	09:18 PM	New Moon
Friday	06:41 AM	02:26 PM	10:13 PM	2%
Saturday	07:31 AM	03:18 PM	11:02 PM	6%
Sunday	08:28 AM	04:10 PM	11:45 PM	11%



Kansas does not have many of the flowering dogwoods that are famous in early spring woodlands in the eastern half of the continent. However our “roughleafed dogwood,” *Cornus drummondii*, is very common and is currently quite likely blooming along a roadside near you. If you’re lucky you will also see a summer azure butterfly like the one seen in the photo above. It looks pale gray when it sits with its wings folded up, but when it flies it flashes light blue, the color of its inside/upper wing surface.



Sun

Mars W, Venus NW after dusk, Jupiter, Saturn E at dawn.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	04:49 AM	05:55 AM	08:44 PM	09:58 PM
Tuesday	04:49 AM	05:55 AM	08:45 PM	09:59 PM
Wednesday	04:49 AM	05:55 AM	08:45 PM	10:00 PM
Thursday	04:49 AM	05:55 AM	08:46 PM	10:00 PM
Friday	04:48 AM	05:55 AM	08:46 PM	10:01 PM
Saturday	04:48 AM	05:55 AM	08:47 PM	10:01 PM
Sunday	04:48 AM	05:55 AM	08:47 PM	10:02 PM

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§ Non-native yellow sweet clover is beginning to be replaced by its close cousin white sweet clover on roadsides: watch the transition. Poison hemlock continues to bloom its white flower clusters atop purple dotted stems with ferny leaves, while invasive musk thistle and crown vetch are blooming away.

§ On the native wildflower side of things, this is a great week to witness the wonderful parade that includes penstemons, daisy fleabane, yarrow, spiderwort, echinacea, wild indigo, salsify, delphinium, cinquefoil, prairie phlox, evening primrose, antelope/spider milkweed, common milkweed, and other milkweeds. Look on their leaves for monarch butterfly caterpillars, which could also be forming chrysalises where the transformation to butterfly occurs.

§ Mulberries are ripe, elderberries and blackberries are blooming and wild raspberries are forming. Check the progress of gooseberries in the woods, and if you’re lucky you can still find a few wild strawberries. But don’t forget about ticks and chiggers if you are out picking berries!

§ Birds are probably at their most vocal and colorful right now; the best time to hear and observe them is probably the early morning, with plentiful food to feed their young back at the nest. Speaking of which, the worms have been thick due to the recent rains, and waterbugs, spittle bugs, and lightning bugs are easily found. The first hackberry butterflies have emerged.