

Kaw Valley Almanac

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	07:23 AM	02:32 PM	09:31 PM	2%
Tuesday	08:30 AM	03:20 PM	10:00 PM	6%
Wednesday	09:38 AM	04:08 PM	10:27 PM	13%
Thursday	10:46 AM	04:55 PM	10:54 PM	21%
Friday	11:55 AM	05:43 PM	11:23 PM	31%
Saturday	01:05 PM	06:34 PM	11:54 PM	42%
Sunday	02:18 PM	07:27 PM		1st Quarter



Rudbeckia subtomentosa, or Sweet coneflower has joined the parade of sunflowers and other yellow blossoms blooming this month, which was commemorated by the Osage Indians who called August Yellow Flower Moon. All of these yellow flowers are visited by a large variety of pollinators including many kinds of bees, beetles, wasps, flies, butterflies and moths. Watch them for a while and you will be sure to see one visiting, along with spiders and other predators of the pollinators.



Sun

Venus sets WNW at dusk, Jupiter, Saturn rise in SE.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	05:31 AM	06:29 AM	08:22 PM	09:30 PM
Tuesday	05:32 AM	06:30 AM	08:21 PM	09:28 PM
Wednesday	05:33 AM	06:31 AM	08:20 PM	09:27 PM
Thursday	05:34 AM	06:32 AM	08:19 PM	09:25 PM
Friday	05:35 AM	06:33 AM	08:17 PM	09:24 PM
Saturday	05:37 AM	06:33 AM	08:16 PM	09:22 PM
Sunday	05:38 AM	06:34 AM	08:15 PM	09:21 PM

Live outside the Lawrence area? Get rise and setting times, moon data where you live at: <https://www.timeanddate.com/astronomy/>

§ The Perseid meteor shower will be peaking Wednesday evening/Thursday morning after midnight, and with moonless skies if the clouds don't interfere you could see over 100 meteors/hour. To see that many, find a spot to watch that is dark enough/far enough away from city lights so that you can easily see the Milky Way, which stretches across the night sky this time of year. You'll see the most after midnight.

§ Gayfeather, stiff sunflower, compassplant, Euphorbia corollata and slender mountain mint continue to bloom away, ash sunflowers are starting to bloom, along with goldenrods, snow on the mountain and tick trefoil. Tallgrass prairie grasses continue to shoot up their tall seedheads and sumac berries are ripe.

§ Redwinged blackbirds are starting to gather in flocks, most reliably seen at the Baker/Wakarusa Wetlands, which are frequented by almost 70 other bird species right now. Hummingbirds are here—put out a feeder and see who drops by. Meanwhile, chimney swifts frequent downtown skies and nighthawks can be seen and heard all night long there.

§ Dogwood has white berries ripening, as does poison ivy, while a much better liked vine, wild grape, is growing green fruit that will turn purple by the end of the month. Elderberries are also turning purple right now, and blackberries are wrapping up.