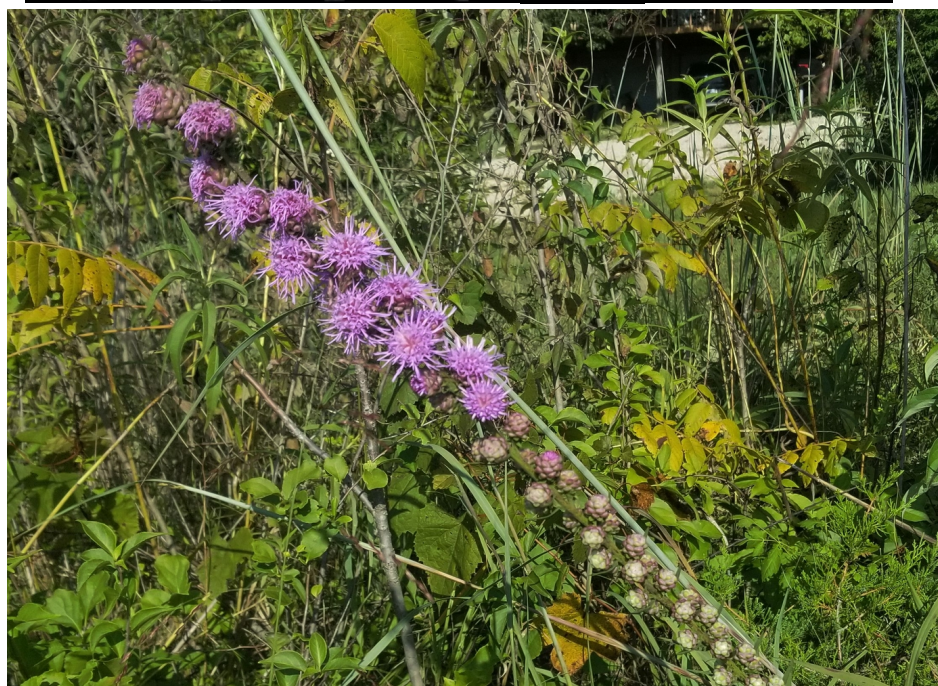


# Kaw Valley Almanac

## September 6 - 12, 2021

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Day	Moon rises	South	Moon sets	% Illum/Phase
Monday	06:15 AM	01:13 PM	08:01 PM	New Moon
Tuesday	07:24 AM	02:02 PM	08:29 PM	1%
Wednesday	08:34 AM	02:50 PM	08:56 PM	4%
Thursday	09:44 AM	03:39 PM	09:25 PM	10%
Friday	10:56 AM	04:30 PM	09:55 PM	18%
Saturday	12:09 PM	05:23 PM	10:30 PM	28%
Sunday	01:22 PM	06:20 PM	11:11 PM	39%



Insects love *Liatris aspera*, which blooms later than other gayfeathers. Pollinators include butterflies, skippers, and long-tongued bees including honeybees, bumblebees, Little Carpenter bees, Miner bees, and Leaf-Cutting bees. Butterfly visitors include Monarchs, Painted Ladies, Black Swallowtails, and Sulfurs and Green Metallic bees and other Halictine bees are attracted as is the rare *Schinia florida* (Glorious Flower Moth).



## Sun

Venus sets WSW after dusk, Jupiter(left), Saturn(R) rise in SE.

Day	Gets light	Sunrise	Sunset	Gets dark
Monday	06:01 AM	06:54 AM	07:43 PM	08:45 PM
Tuesday	06:02 AM	06:55 AM	07:41 PM	08:43 PM
Wednesday	06:03 AM	06:56 AM	07:40 PM	08:42 PM
Thursday	06:04 AM	06:57 AM	07:38 PM	08:40 PM
Friday	06:05 AM	06:58 AM	07:36 PM	08:38 PM
Saturday	06:06 AM	06:59 AM	07:35 PM	08:37 PM
Sunday	06:07 AM	06:59 AM	07:33 PM	08:35 PM

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

§ With morning lows dropping into the 60s and even 50s this week, it's the season for fog. It's fun to watch the more humid air above ponds and rivers become visible in the form of wispy fog that quickly burns off as the sun rises higher. If there is no wind, you can sometimes see steam devils, which like dust devils are caused by warming air rising in a vortex that is made visible in this case by fog.

§ Recent rains have boosted annual and perennial sunflowers, goldenrods, euphorbia corollata, gentian, tick trefoil, fall thistles boneset, snakeweed, and early asters can't be far behind. Ragweed is pollinating, much to the chagrin of folks with pollen allergies. It's a great time to visit a prairie.

§ Some opportunities for seeing/planting native habitat continue, with Audubon walks in Topeka at McDonald Field/Shunga Trail, and Lawrence Burcham Park, both 8-10am on Saturday, Wakarusa Riverbank restoration at Eudora Boat Ramp Parking lot 9-11am on Saturday, or Hidden Valley Work Day/Nature Walks in Lawrence on Saturday 9-noon, and Grassland Heritage Foundation is having a native plant sale at Cottin's Hardware parking lot on Thursday 4-6:30pm.

§ Cicadas sing when it's above 75; grasshoppers sing into the evening, joined by katydids, crickets, nighthawks and treefrogs, keeping the nights alive with their wild songs.

§ We'll lose another 16 minutes of daylight this week!